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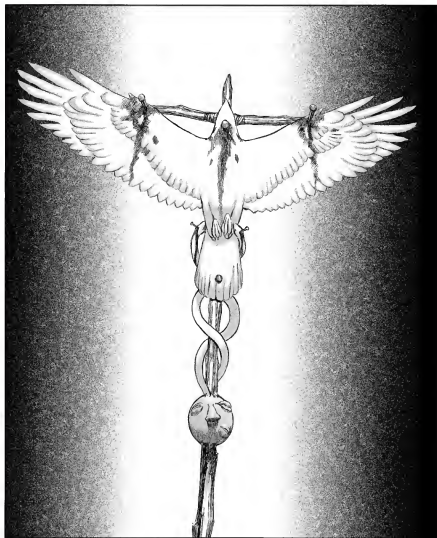
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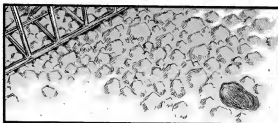
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*FX. WOOOOOOO



*FX. HYOOOOOOO

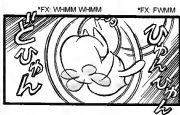


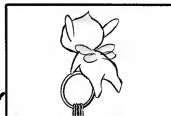
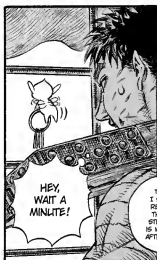
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縛鎖(ばくさ)の章 見ざる者



*FX: SHIMP





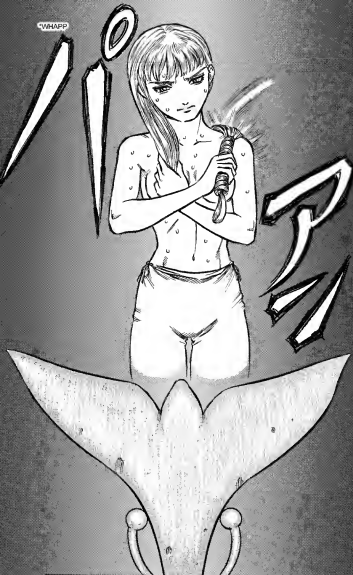




*FX WHAP



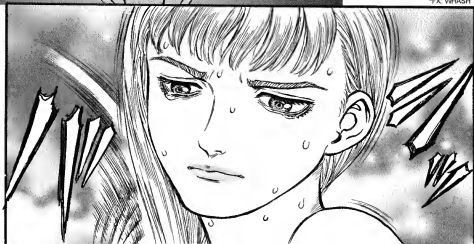
"WHAPP



"FX: BSSH



"FX: WHASH





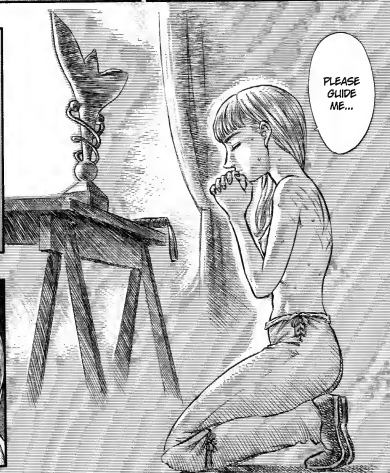
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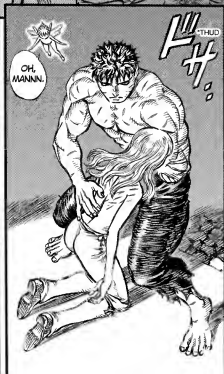
DEAR
GOD.

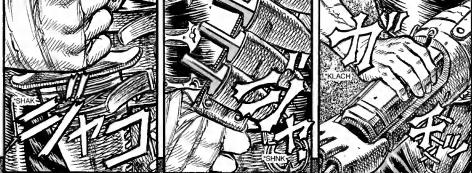


WHAT
HAVE
WE
HERE?



PLEASE
GUIDE
ME...







LOOKS
LIKE I
GOTTA
TAKE HER
AFTER
ALL.



*FX: GAGONG

*FX: WAAAAAA



NOW,
THEN.



*FX: GSHANNING

BRUTAL
...



DON'TCHA
FORGET
THIS. HOW
RUDE
TO MY
BETCHI!



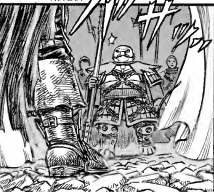
WAIT,
LOOK
HERE.

W
O
O
P
S.

*FX: WUFF



*FX: FLAPP



THE
BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN'S
ESCAPED!

ALL
FORCES,
ARISE
!!

THE FLAMES
WILL SPREAD
TO OTHER
TENTS IN THIS
WIND!!

F-
FIIRE
!!

IT'S LADY
FARNESE'S
TENT....!!



L-LADY
FARNESE....!!

HOW DID
YOU...?!



JUST WATCH!
I'LL LIGHT HER
ASS ON FIRE.

WHO SAYS
ONLY CLERGY
CAN BURN
SOMEONE
ALIVE?



HE'D
DO IT,
TOO...



'BROARRR

オオオオ



HOW 'BOLT
CLEARIN'
THE WAY,
PAL?

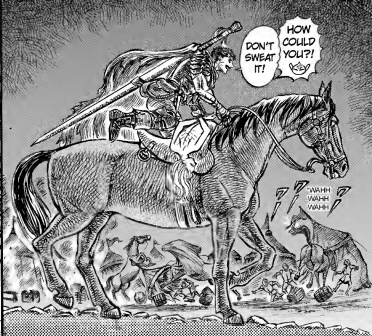


WE'LL
SEE.

YOU THINK YOU
CAN ESCAPE IN
YOUR
CONDITION?!



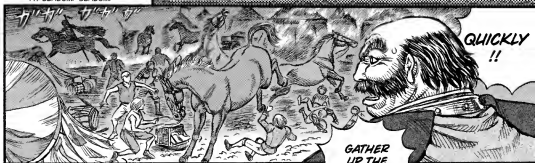
*FX BDAUMP BDAUMP



DON'T SWEAT IT!

HOW COULD YOU?!

WAHH
WAHH
WAHH



QUICKLY !!

GATHER
UP THE
HORSES!!



*FX: BDAUMP

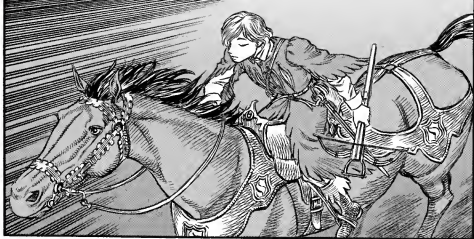


WHO
GOES
?!



A
COLLOSAL
BLUNDER
FOR ME!!

WE CANNOT
LET HIM
ESCAPE
THIS WAY!!



*FX. BOADUMP BOADUMP BOADUMP



*FX. JERK



THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR! SETTIN' HORSES ON FIRE! WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR HAVIN' RUN THIS FAR?!



A HORSE.

*FX. SMEK SMEK



I SWEAR.

AVOONPI!

YOU AREN'T HUMAN.



THEN APOLOGIZE TO THE HORSE!

SORRY, HORSE.



DON'T STRUGGLE!
IF YOU FALL
ON THESE
ROCKS WITH
YOUR HANDS
AND FEET
BOUND,
YOU'RE DEAD.

HNNN!



KH
...!



OH,
I'M
PUCK.

DON'T WORRY,
WE'RE NOT
GONNA EAT'CHA
OR NOTHIN'.



YO.

SHOE'S ON
THE OTHER
FOOT NOW.

IF YOU THINK
YOU'LL GET
AWAY WITH...
WITH TREATING
ME, THE
LEADER OF
THE HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS,
LIKE THIS....!!



LET ME
OFF, YOU
BASTARD
!!



THERE'RE
THINGS
I NEED
TO ASK
YOU.

SORRY,
BUT
YOU'RE
WITH
ME
FOR A
BIT.



IF YOU KEEP
YAPPIN', I'LL HAVE
TO KNOCK YOU
OUT AGAIN.

SHUT
UP.

AH
HEY.

...
!!



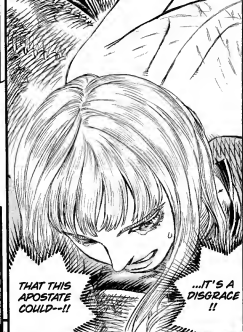
... DAMMIT.

LET ME--
OOOOFF!!

I'D
RATHER
FALL AND
DIE
THAN BE
SUBJECT
TO YOUR
WILL!!

*FX WHSHH

*FX WHMP



THAT THIS
APOSTATE
COULD--!!

...IT'S A
DISGRACE
!!



IGH...!



NOW YOU
BETTER CALM
DOWN SOME.

フ
"TCH



*YANK



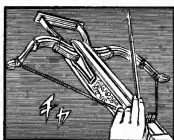
WOOD
C'MON,
GUTS
...!!





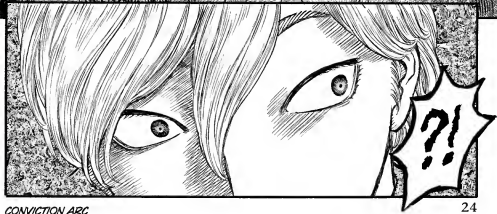
*FX KRICK

*FX BOADUMP BOADUMP



*FX CHAK

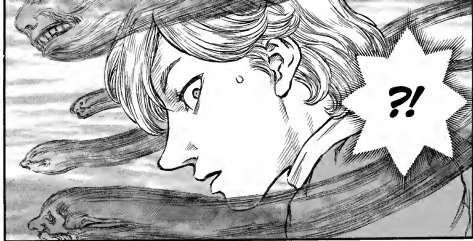




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THE UNSEEN: END

CONVICTION/ARC
BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER
NIGHT OF MIRACLES

断罪篇
縛鎖(ばくさ)の章 奇跡の夜



*FX: THUD FMP FMP

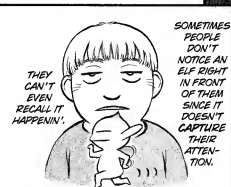
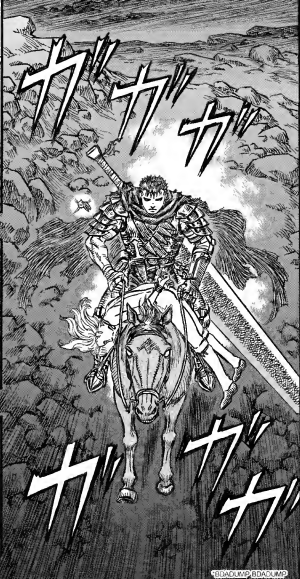


*FX: BODADUMP BODADUMP



*FX: HRRRHHHN







AND LIKE
IN BIG
CITIES.

WHY DOES
HE KEEP
MUMBING TO
HIMSELF...?

FOR SOME REASON,
LOTSA PRIESTS ARE LIKE
THAT. NOT SO MUCH IN
RURAL CHAPELS, BUT
WHEN I GO IN BIG
CATHEDRALS, I'M NOT
SEEN TOO MUCH.

DUNNO...
IT DOESN'T
MAKE MUCH
SENSE
TO ME,
EITHER...



WHY,
THOUGH
?

THE OLD
FORTUNE TELLER
LADY FROM THE
ENTERTAINER
TROUPE SAID,
UHMM, WHAT
WAS IT...?

OH YEAH,
THOSE WHO
CLING TO THE
RIGID WORLD
DON'T
PERCEIVE
ELVES.

I
THINK...



*FX CHFF CHFF CHFF



TIME
FOR
SOME
FUN!

...EVEN
SO, BEIN'
IGNORED
PEEVES
ME!



QUIT
THAT...

...

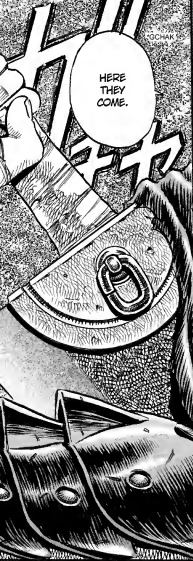
...!!

*FX HEE HEE HEE



RIGID
WORLD...

HUH...



GOCHAK

HERE
THEY
COME.



*FX. (effect of noticing something)

*FX: ZZZT ZZZT



*FX. WHOMMM

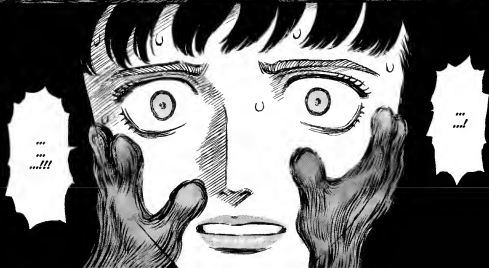








"FX GRIN"





YOU WON'T
SEE THIS,
PRAYN' TO
IDOLS.

KEEP
YOUR
EYES
OPEN,
WATCH.



A
MIRACLE
ON
EARTH.

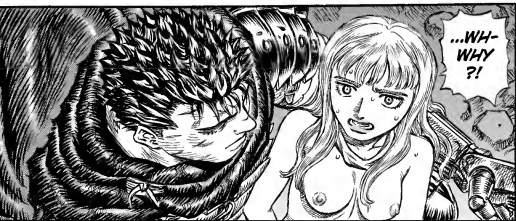
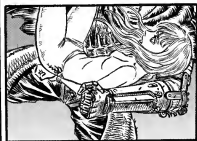
GOD'S
PUTTIN' ON
A SHOW
FOR US.



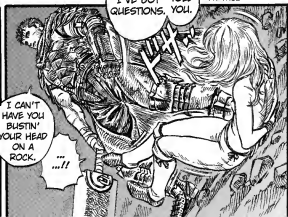




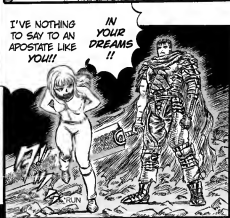
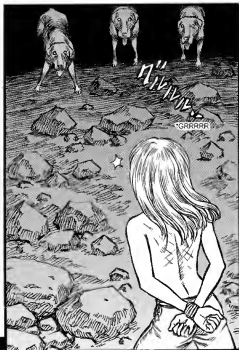
*FX. SHINK SHINK SHINK SHINK

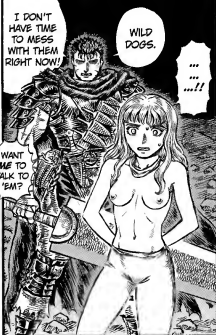


QUESTIONS ...?



*FX: THUD







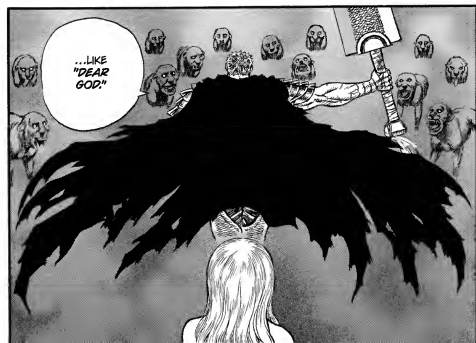


*FX: GRRRRRRR

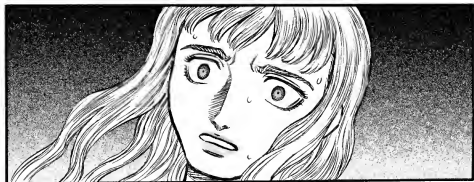


*CHOPP









断罪篇
縛鎖(ばくさ)の章
去来



CONVICTION ARC



BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER



PAST AND FUTURE







*FX ZHUNK

*FX RISE

*FX TWITCH TWITCH



*FX WHAM





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"FX: PLOD PLOD

"FX: STAGGER



...FROM
HERE...
FROM
THIS
NIGHTMARE
...!!



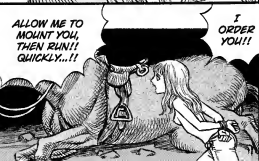
MUST
ESCAPE
...

"FX: HRRHRRN



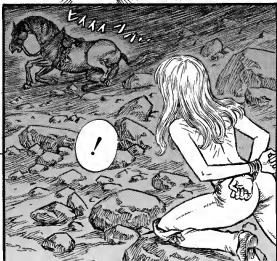
...I'M
SAVED!!

IF I
CAN
RIDE
THAT...



ALLOW ME TO
MOUNT YOU,
THEN RUN!!
QUICKLY...!!

I
ORDER
YOU!!



!





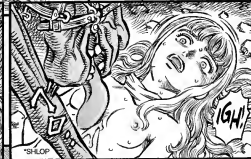
“HRRRN”



“WHOCK”



I
MOUNT
...



“SHLOP”









*FX: KRISH KRISH



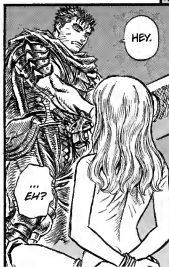
*FX: VHORNING



*FX SHAKE SHAKE

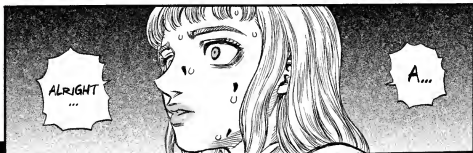


*FX GULP





IF YOU DON'T
WANNA DIE,
QUIT WANDERIN'
AROUND.



ALRIGHT
...

A...



HE'S
FIGHTIN' SO RECKLESSLY
...
HE'S OPENED HIS
WOUNDS
AGAIN.



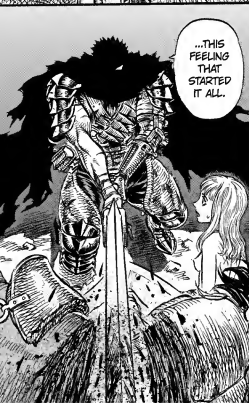
BUT THERE'S AN
UNSTOPPABLE, TERRIBLE
RAGE SWIRLIN' INSIDE
GUTS, MORE SO THAN
USUAL... WHY...?



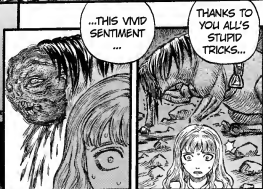


I DON'T
CARE IF
MY ARM'S
TORN OFF.

I WON'T
BOTHER TO
SHIELD MY
WOUNDS.



...THIS
FEELING
THAT
STARTED
IT ALL.



...THIS VIVID
SENTIMENT
...

THANKS TO
YOU ALL'S
STUPID
TRICKS...



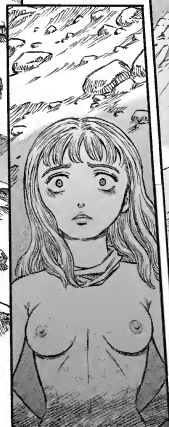
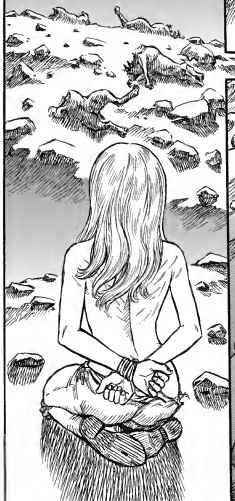
...REMEM-
BERED
AFTER SO
LONG...

THANK YOU.

IT'S THE WORST I EVER FEEL.

YOU'LL ALL
KEEP DYING
UNTIL THE
DAY BREAKS.







SOMEHOW...



...SPLATTERED
WITH THE BLOOD
OF HIS PREY,
THE IMAGE
TOUCHED ME.

...AS HE SAT
BENEATH THE
BRIGHTENING
SKY, PANTING
LIKE A BEAST...



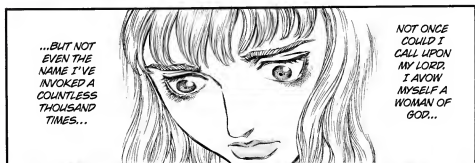
...ALMOST LIKE
A PAINTING
ADORNING A
BASILICA.

IT WAS BOTH
SOLEMN AND
BEAUTIFUL...



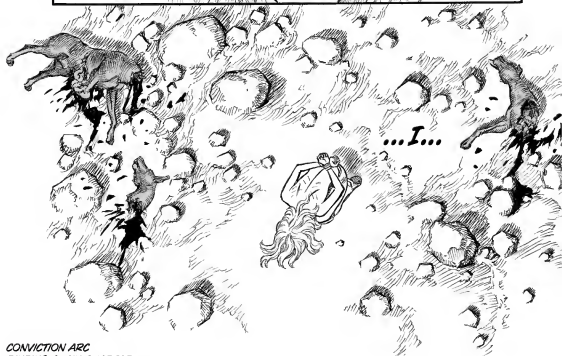
...SOUGHT
TO ESCAPE,
SHIVERING
IN FEAR...

I
MERELY...

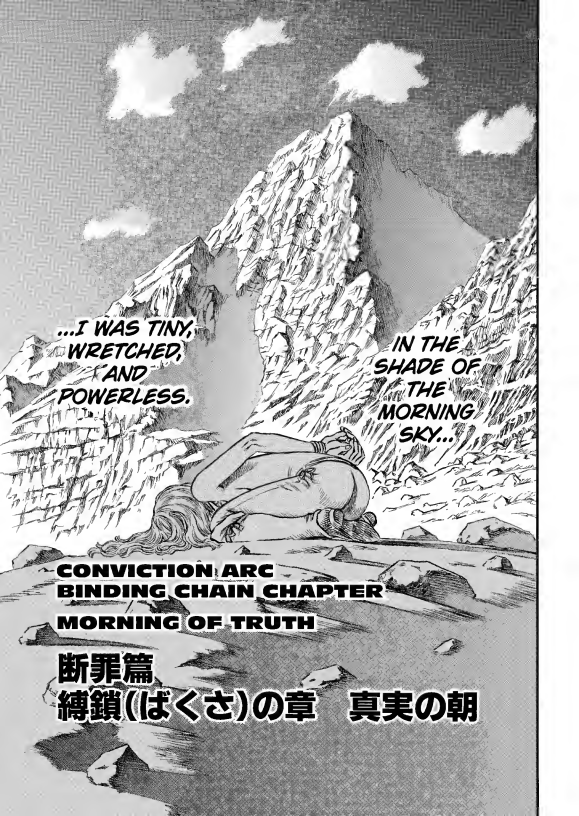


...BUT NOT
EVEN THE
NAME I'VE
INVOKED A
COUNTLESS
THOUSAND
TIMES...

NOT ONCE
COULD I
CALL UPON
MY LORD.
I AVOW
MYSELF A
WOMAN OF
GOD...



...I...

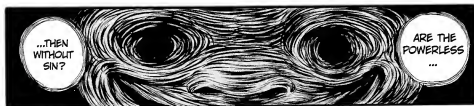
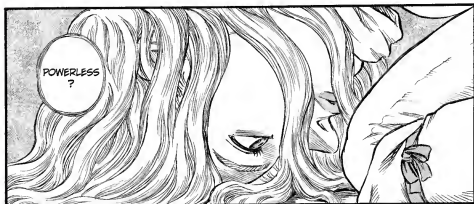


...I WAS TINY,
WRETCHED,
AND
POWERLESS.

IN THE
SHADE OF
THE
MORNING
SKY...

CONVICTION ARC
BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER
MORNING OF TRUTH

断罪篇
縛鎖(ばくさ)の章 真実の朝







**I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR
THIS!!**



**...A
WAVE OF
PLEASURE
FILLED YOU.**



NO...



**AND
THEN...**

**...AS THE
BLOOD
TRICKLED
FROM HIS
UNFLINCHING
FORM...**

**YOU WERE
CONSTANTLY
DISCOVERING
PLEASURE,
EVEN WITHIN
THAT PAIN.**



**THAT IS
NOT ALL.**

**WHEN YOU LASHED
YOURSELF, FEIGNING
INTROSPECTION,**

...AND DEVOTE
YOUR BODY TO
SHAMEFUL
PLEASURE.
THAT IS YOU.

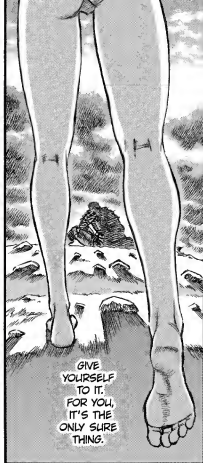
YOU SIMPLY
LIE TO
YOUR OWN
SOUL FROM
BEHIND
YOUR
RELIGION...

THERE IS NOTHING
AT ALL INSIDE YOU. WHAT
THINGS YOU CAN BOAST
OF TO YOURSELF AND
OTHERS ARE TRIFLING.
YOU'RE AN INSIGNIFICANT
WOMAN, BECAUSE YOU
FEAR KNOWING YOU'RE
NOTHING. YOU'RE JUST
DRUNK ON GOD'S
AUTHORITY.

**THAT'S
NOT
TRUE,
I...!!**

JUST SUCH
A DARK,
DARK
DESIRE.

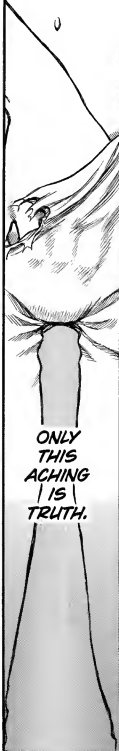
ALL THAT
EXISTS WITHIN
YOU IS DESIRE.
YOU WANT
TO DEFILE AND
BE DEFILED.
YOURSELF AND
OTHERS, BODY
AND SOUL.



GIVE
YOURSELF
TO IT.
FOR YOU,
IT'S THE
ONLY SURE
THING.



YOU'RE
TOO FAR
FROM
GOD.

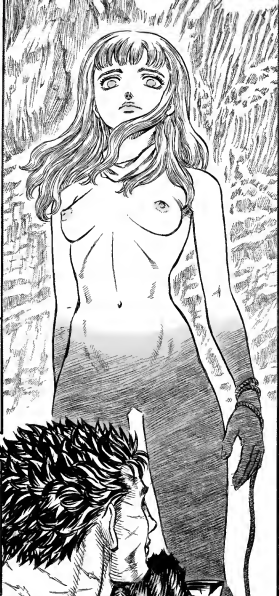
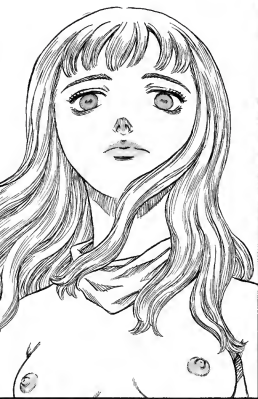


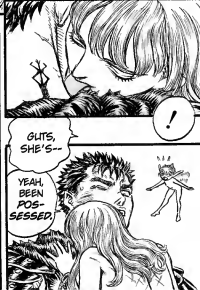
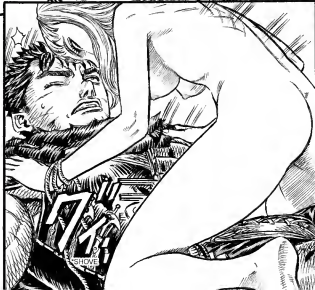
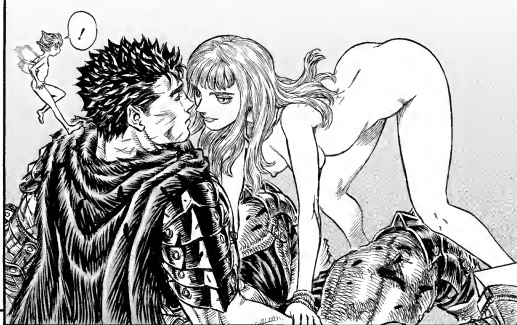
ONLY
THIS
ACHING
| IS |
TRUTH.

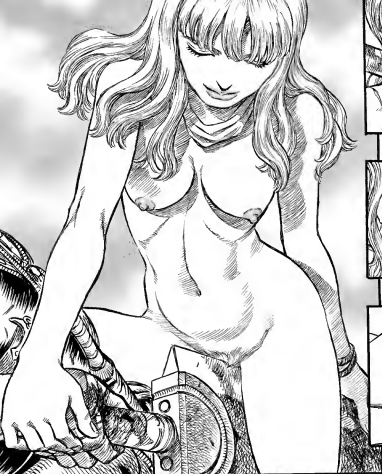


INSIDE
HERE...

...THERE
IS NO
GOD.

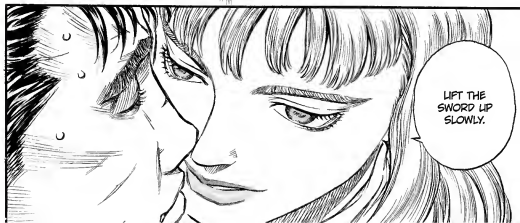
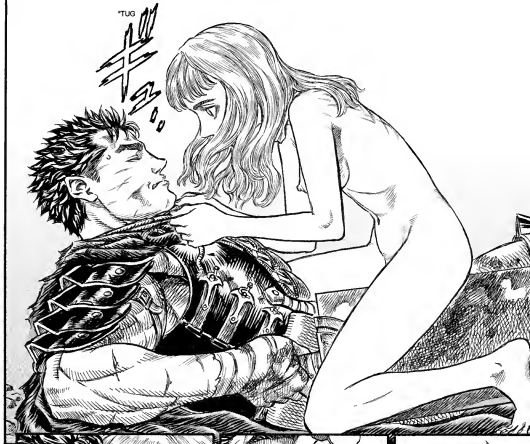






*FX STARE







SPLIT ME
OPEN
SLOWLY.



THIS
PLEASURE.

SAVOR
IT WITH
ME.

NOW...



HELL
WITH IT.
I'LL
KNOCK
HER OUT
AGAIN...!!



*FX. BISH BISH BISH



*FX: DROP



*HEAVE

!!





*FX. BOADUMP BOADUMP





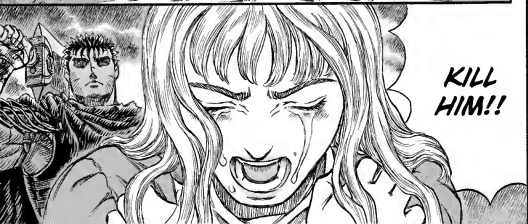
*FX. STP STP



*FX. SCOOT



*FX. FLUTT



...BUT IS NOT OUR DUTY
IN THE FIRST PLACE TO
APPREHEND HIM?
TO FORFEIT THAT FOR
MOMENTARY FEELINGS...

...

I DO
NOT KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED
...

THAT WOULD
BE,
WELL,
LINWISE
IN ANY
CASE.

"SKRITCH
ホリ

LADY ...
FARNESE,
PLEASE
CALM
DOWN.

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER--
KILL
HIM!!

I WOULD
ONLY DIE
IN VAIN.

YOU SAW IT,
COMMANDER.
HIS
SUPERHUMAN
STRENGTH.

TO BE
HONEST,
THAT IS NOT
POSSIBLE
FOR ME.

"WHAP

OUCH.

"FX: STARE

OH,
NOSE-
BLEED.

"FX: TMP

COM-
MANDER.

AH.







NICE
DRAW
STYLE.

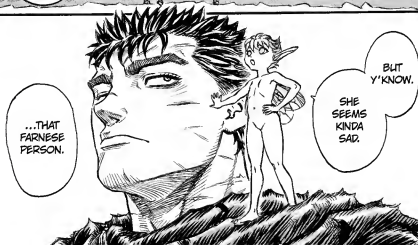


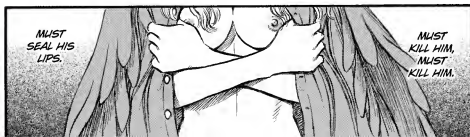
JUST
AS I
EXPECTED.

YOU
AS
WELL.

IT WAS
JUST
A GRAZE,
TOO.







IF HE'S
ALLOWED
TO LIVE...

IF HE...

THEN
I...

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THE PEOPLE
SAW IT IN
THEIR SLEEP.

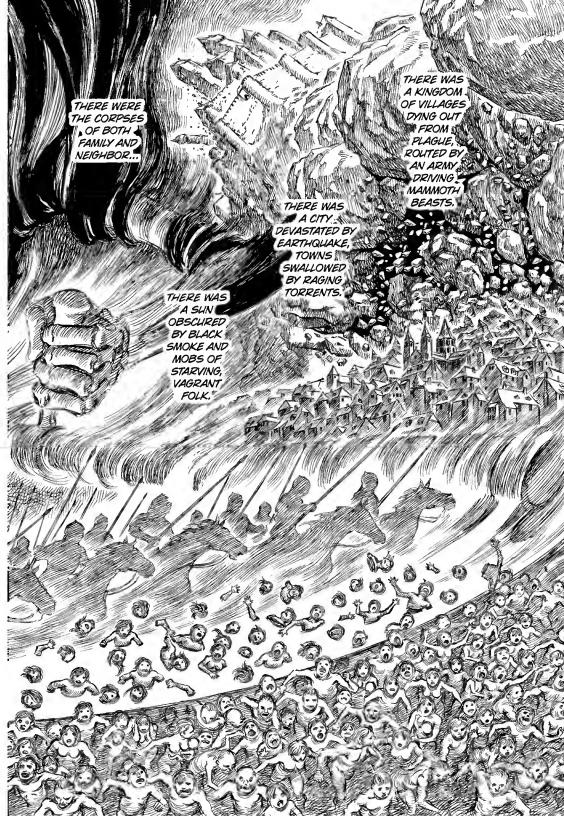
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EACH NIGHT
AN UTTER
DARKNESS
FULLY
ENVELOPED
THEIR
WORLD.

EACH EVENT
OCCURRED
INDIVIDUALLY
YET CONVERGED
UPON ONE
IDEA.



THERE WERE
THE CORPSES
OF BOTH
FAMILY AND
NEIGHBOR...

THERE WAS
A KINGDOM
OF VILLAGES
DYING OUT
FROM A
PLAGUE,
ROUTED BY
AN ARMY
DRIVING
MAMMOTH
BEASTS.

THERE WAS
A CITY
DEVASTATED BY
EARTHQUAKE,
TOWNS
SWALLOWED
BY RAGING
TORRENTS.

THERE WAS
A SUN
OBSCURED
BY BLACK
SMOKE AND
MOBS OF
STARVING,
VAGRANT
FOLK.

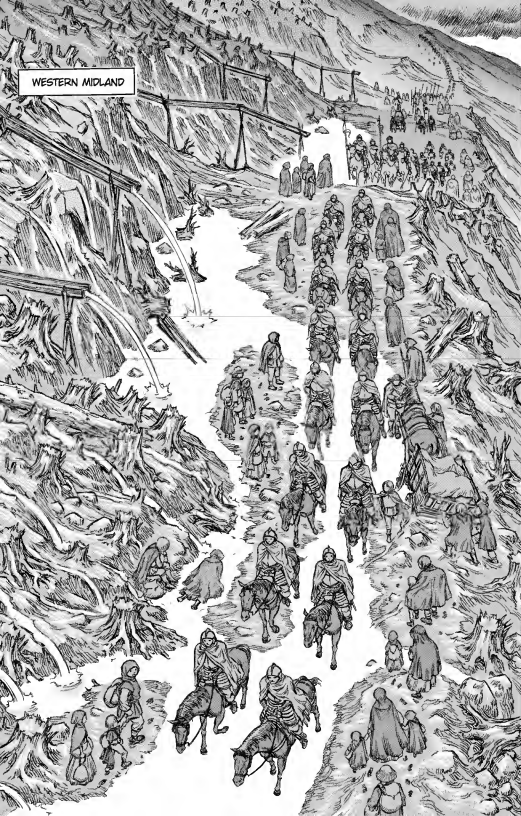
A SINGLE,
SHINING HAWK,
SUNDERING
THE THICK
DARKNESS,
ALIGHTING
UPON THE
BLOODSTAINED
LAND.

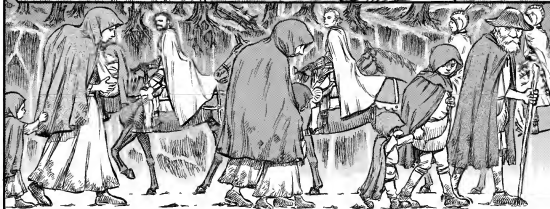
THEN, AMIDST
SUCH DISCORD,
THEY CAUGHT
SIGHT OF IT.



THEY BELIEVED
INSTINCTIVELY:
THIS WAS THEIR
"DESIRED."

WESTERN MIDLAND





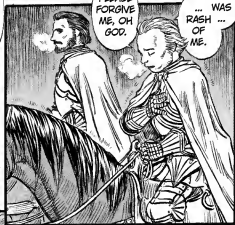
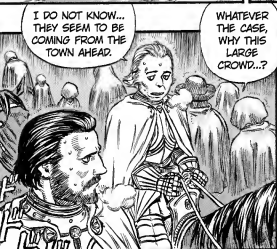


I DO NOT KNOW...
THEY SEEM TO BE
COMING FROM THE
TOWN AHEAD.

WHATEVER
THE CASE,
WHY THIS
LARGE
CROWD...?

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME, OH
GOD.

THAT
WAS
...
RASH
OF
ME.





IT'S A
LANDSLIDE!!
THE GROUND
WAS LOOSENED
BY THE
RAIN!!

ALL
FORCES
HALT!!



"TMP"

EXCEL-
LENCY
!!

HEAVENS!
YOUR EX-
CELLENCY,
FOR MERE
PEASANTS,
TO PER-
SON-
ALLY...

RESCUE
OUR
SUBJECTS
!!

ALL
SECURITY
FORCES
DIS-
MOUNT!!



ARRGH...
VERY WELL,
THEN!! HOP TO
IT!! FOLLOW
GENERAL LABAN!!



FOLLOW
ME!!



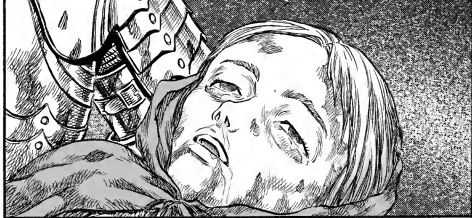
HNN

HEY!
HANG
ON!



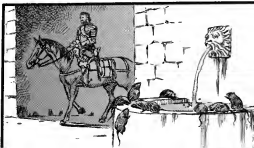
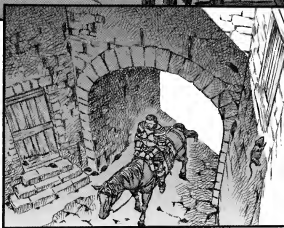
THERE--
YOU'RE
SAFE,
NOW...

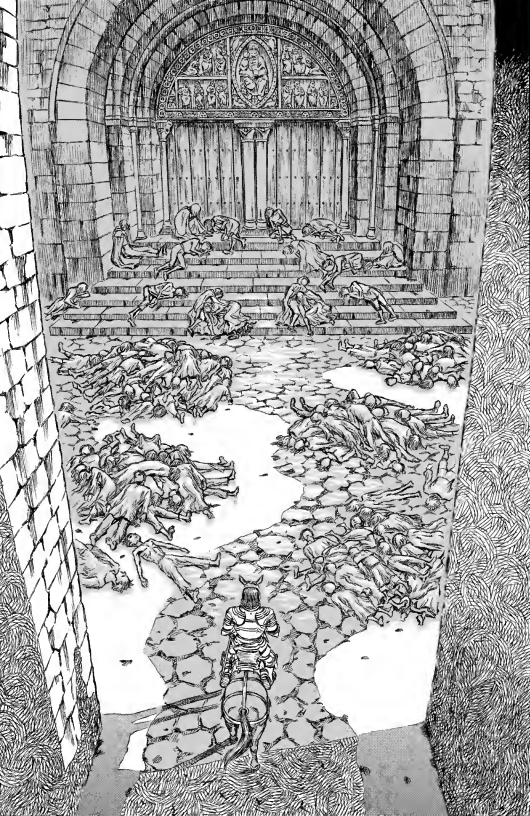






*FX: CHIT CHIT CHIT







AS I
FEARED

...

THE
PLAGUE,
THEN.



CONFOUNDED
RATS.

NOW THAT THEIR
FOOD SUPPLY'S
SWOLLEN, THEY'VE
GOT BIG AND FAT.



THEY
DONE
BROUGHT
THIS
PLAGUE
HERE.

THEY
COME
FROM
THE
DEVIL.



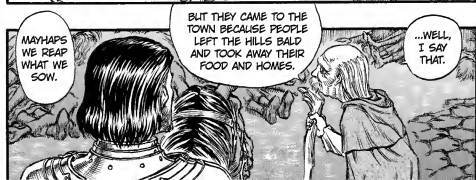
GIT!
GIT!

*FX: SQUEEK EEP EEP *FX: WHACK WHACK



GRIM
LITTLE
REAPERS.

IT'S SINCE
THESE RATS
STARTED
GROWIN' IN
NUMBERS SO
MUCH THAT THE
PLAGUE SPREAD
THROUGH
THIS TOWN.



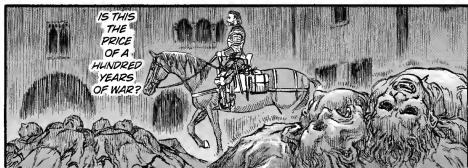
MAYHAPS
WE REAP
WHAT WE
SOW.

BUT THEY CAME TO THE
TOWN BECAUSE PEOPLE
LEFT THE HILLS BALD
AND TOOK AWAY THEIR
FOOD AND HOMES.

...WELL,
I SAY
THAT.



*FX.FS0000H



YET,
OVER SEVEN
TENTHS OF
THE MILITARY
HAVE SPENT
TWO YEARS...
SEARCHING
FOR A CRIMINAL
WE'RE NOT
EVEN CERTAIN
STILL LIVES.



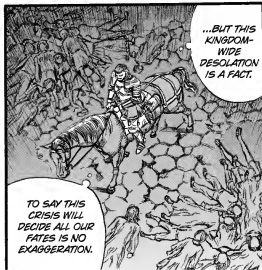
IT'S VEXING...
A TIME LIKE
THIS IS
PRECISELY
WHEN THE
ENTIRE
KINGDOM'S
EFFORTS MUST
BE DEVOTED TO
REBUILDING.



SURELY THEY ARE
A MADMAN'S...



THOSE
EYES...



...BUT THIS
KINGDOM-
WIDE
DESOLATION
IS A FACT.

TO SAY THIS
CRISIS WILL
DECIDE ALL OUR
FATES IS NO
EXAGGERATION.



ALAS
...

THE
SEARCH
HAS
EXCEEDED
ITS
PURPOSE.



...THEN...

IF IT
WAS...

A DARKNESS
THAT COVERS
THE WORLD...

...THAT
HAWK OF
LIGHT...

I SUPPOSE
THAT WAS A
REVELATION...

...EVEN
THIS
SEARCH
THAT
SEEMS
MEANING-
LESS...

IT MAY BE
ABSD, BUT WHEN
YOU THINK
OF IT
SUCH...

--NO.

TO ME,
AT LEAST,
WHAT A
HAWK
SYMBOLIZES

...

IF THE
DREAM IS A
REVELATION,
WHAT DOES
THAT PART
SIGNIFY?

EXCEL-
LENCY
!!

FOR
ALL THE
PEOPLE OF
MIDLAND...

...CAN BE
SEEN TO
POSSESS
SOME
SENSE OF
PURPOSE.

*FX BRADUMP
BOADUMP

...THERE'S
BUT ONE
AND NO
OTHER!!

SO YOU'VE COME,
ADJUTANT. AS YOU SEE,
WE MUST ALSO
BLOCKADE THIS TOWN
AT ONCE...

IT IS
ANOTHER
STORY FOR
THE
HEAD
OF OUR
KINGDOM.

HOW-
EVER,
THAT
IS...

YOU JEST,
EXCELLENCY.
I HAVE HAD MY
FILL OF SEEING
PEOPLE DROP
FROM THE
PLAGUE.

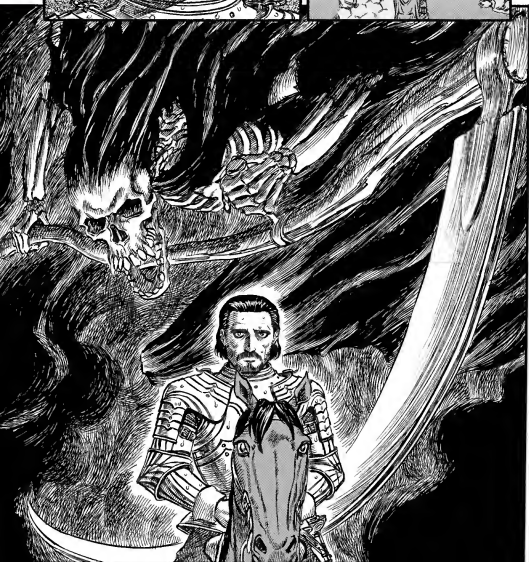
YOU DON'T
LOOK WELL...
BUT IT'S NO
SURPRISE
UNDER THESE
CIRCUM-
STANCES.

...HAS
SUCCEEDED
TO ILLNESS.

HIS
ROYAL
MAJESTY
...

A MESSAGE
RIDER JUST
CAME FROM
WINDHAM.

...SAY
WHAT
?



*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP



*FX: CHEE CHEE KEE KEE CHEE CHEE



*FX: SKITTER SKITTER SKITTER



*FX: ZOMMM



*FX: ZUMMM



*FX: ZMM







"FX" SCATTER



"FX" FSSHHHH



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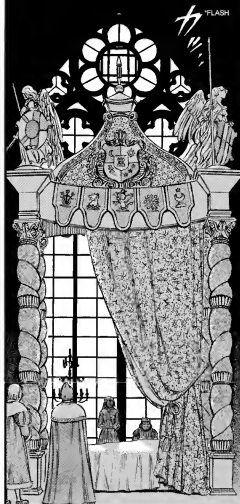
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*FX RUMMMBLE

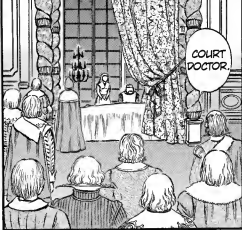


CHAR-
LOTTE.



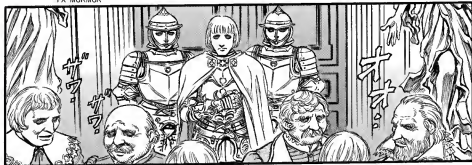
...CHARLO...





*FX MURMUR

*FX OHHH



*FX GCHAK

*FX GCHAK

*FX BTAM





WHAT ABOUT FORMER HOME MINISTER FOSS?



FINANCIAL MINISTER YUGO.

HOME MINISTER GUSTAV.

THEN THOSE IN CANDIDACY ARE...

BUT CONSIDER HER DISPOSITION. THERE IS HARDLY A CHANCE SHE WILL NOT APPOINT A REGENT.

WE MUST CONSIDER OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE...

PERHAPS EVEN ROYAL HOUSEHOLD PROTOCOL CHIEF CARIEL..



EVERY RUMOR SAYS THAT THIS MEDIATOR OF THE FORMER CONSERVATIVES HAS SEEMINGLY BECOME DISPOSSESSED OF HIS POWERS.

IN THE FEW YEARS SINCE THE QUEEN'S ASSASSINATION INCIDENT, THE HONORABLE FOSS HAS NOT FALLEN UNDER ANY FACTION, AS IF HE HAS FEIGNED RETIREMENT.



...WHAT SITUATION OUR KINGDOM IS NOW PLACED IN?!

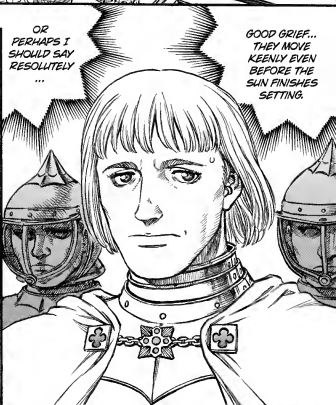
DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND...

OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY RESOLUTELY ...

GOOD GRIEF... THEY MOVE KEENLY EVEN BEFORE THE SUN FINISHES SETTING.

...WHEN YOU CAN GO SEVERAL LEAGUES FROM WINDHAM AND THE DEAD LIE IN PILES-- NO, EVEN HERE BELOW THIS CASTLE.

THEY'RE ALL SO BUSY WITH SELF-PRESERVATION SCHEMES...





THE HAWK
WILL COME
AGAIN.



ARE THE
DEATHS OF
SUBJECTS
NOTHING
MORE
THAN
STATIS-
TICS?

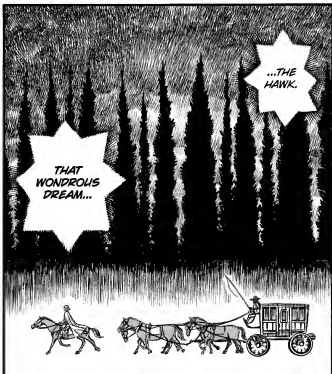


THE
HAWK
...



EVERY-
ONE IN
WINDHAM
...

--NO, PERHAPS
EVERYONE IN
MIDLAND SAW
THE WONDROUS
DREAM OF THE
HAWK OF LIGHT.



...THE
HAWK.

THAT
WONDROUS
DREAM...



...THE
WILL OF
GOD.

NOT THAT
ONE SUCH
AS I COULD
TRULY
COMPREHEND
...



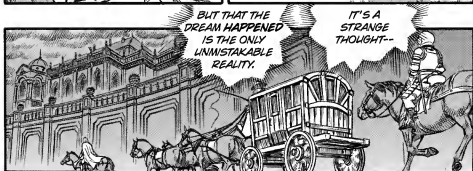
THE
PRIESTS
CLAMORED
THAT IT
WAS GOD'S
REVELA-
TION.

THEY SAID IT
WAS A GOOD
OMEN SIGNIFYING
THE APPEARANCE
OF ONE WHO WILL
SAVE PEOPLE
FROM EVERY
CALAMITY NOW
WIELDING
ITS MENACE.



...AFTER
THE PEOPLE
BEGAN TO
TALK OF THE
DREAM.

BUT HIS
MAJESTY'S
FALLING ILL
HAPPENED...



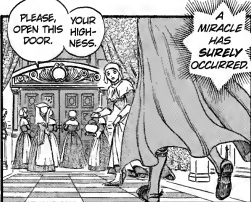
BUT THAT THE
DREAM HAPPENED
IS THE ONLY
UNMISTAKABLE
REALITY.

IT'S A
STRANGE
THOUGHT--



LORD
OWEN.

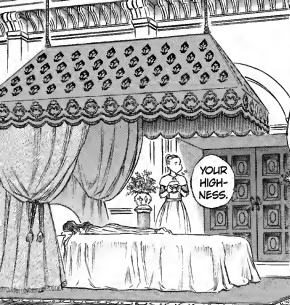
WHAT
IS THE
MATTER?



PLEASE,
OPEN THIS
DOOR.

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

A
MIRACLE
HAS
SURELY
OCCURRED.



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

EVEN BEFORE THAT,
SHE HAD NOT SET
ONE FOOT OUTSIDE
THE PALACE IN THE
PAST TWO YEARS.

YOU SEE, THE
PRINCESS HAS
CONFINED HERSELF
IN HER CHAMBERS
FOR A WHOLE FIVE
DAYS NOW...



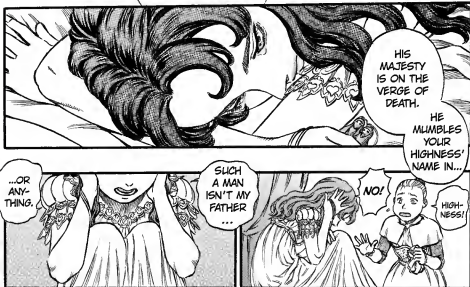
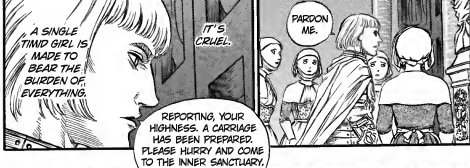
SHE WILL ONLY
ALLOW ONE PERSON
IN, HER FAVORITE
HANDMAID... WE ARE
PRESENTLY TRYING TO
PERSUADE HER, BUT...



HIGH-
NESS...

才。才。才。
*FRET FRET







ALMOST
AS IF I'M
FREEZING.

IT'S
COLD...



MAGNIFICENT
CASTLE
WALLS.

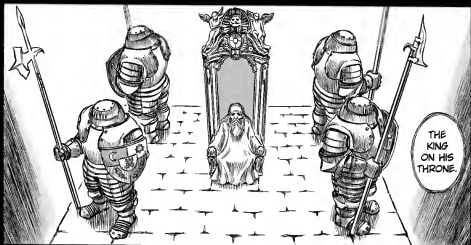
BUT I
CANNOT
DEFEND
AGAINST
THE COLD
THIS WAY.

STONE
WALLS
MERELY
AUGMENT
THE COLD.
SOMEONE
LIGHT A
FIRE...

THE KING
ON HIS
THRONE.



!





FIRE!
SOMEONE
BRING
FIRE!!

ENOUGH ALREADY!!
I HAVE NO NEED
OF SOLDIERS
NOW!!



BRING
WARMTH
...



WHAT I
WISH FOR...
WARMTH...

OH, THAT'S
IT!



MOVE
ASIDE
...!!

MOVE
!!



MY
DESIRED
IS...



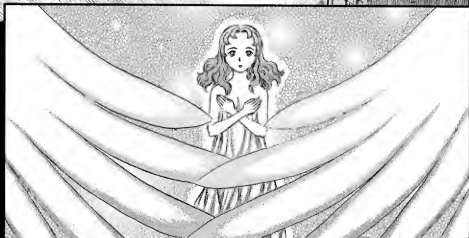
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
?!

WHAT
...?!



ON HIS
THRONE.

THE KING
ON HIS
THRONE.





*FX WWOOSH





*RUMBLE

*RUMBLE

*FLASH



FATHER...!!

GONNING

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*FX THOOOOM

WOOOON





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BERSERK

...A BAND
OF THREE
HUNDRED
MERCENARIES
...!!

JUST
ONE MAN
AGAINST...

NO
WAY...
!!

U-U-U-
UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE
!!

B-BLAME THE BOSS!!
HE WAS SO HUNG UP
ON GETTING
FAMOUS...!!

I KNEW WE
SHOULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN
THIS GUY
ON!!

I...
I KNEW
IT!!

THE
LEGEND
WAS REAL!

HE'S THE
GOD OF THE
BATTLEFIELD
...

TH-THE
IMMORTAL
...ZO--

*FX GSHANG





FX. CAWWW CAWWW CAWWW



...SCoured
BATTLEFIELDS,
SITTING ON
PILES OF
CORPSES
THAT I'VE
MADE?

JUST
HOW MANY
TIMES
HAVE I...



IN ANY
EVENT...

...MY
DESIRED IS
JUST ONE
THING...

*FX: CAWN CAWN CAWN

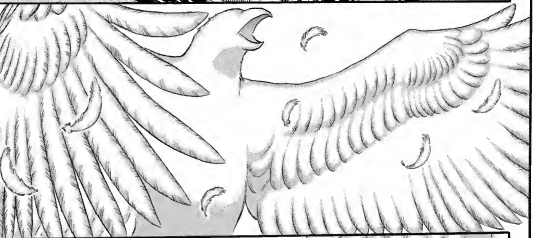
*FX: FLAP FLAP





WHAT'S
THIS...?!

WHA...



THE GSK
BETWEEN
DREAM AND
CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS IS
WITHIN
YOUR
DOZING.



IMMORTAL.

WHAT YOU
SOUGHT
WERE NOT
WORDS.



YOU
MEAN--

YOU'RE
--

WHY ?!





FX BWOOM





*FX: CAWWWW CAWWWW CAWWWW



*FX PULSE



*FX BLOP BLOP





THE
DESIRED...

...WILL
COME.

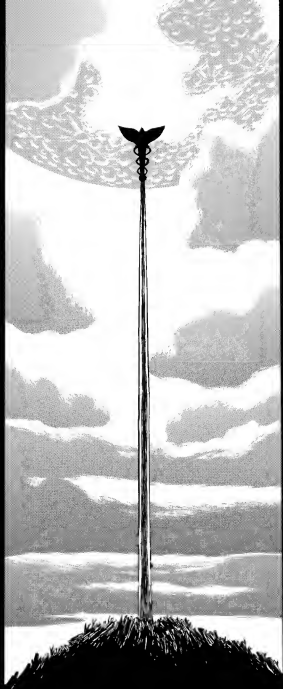


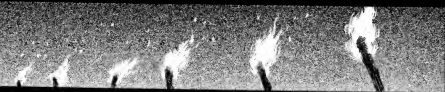
...IT WILL
COME.



WHEN THE
SKY FALLS AT
THE HOLY
GROUND WHERE
BLIND SHEEP
GATHER AND
ERECT A PILLAR
OF FIRE...









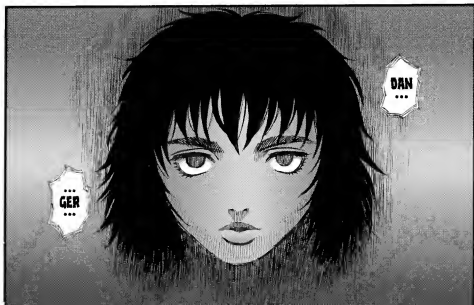
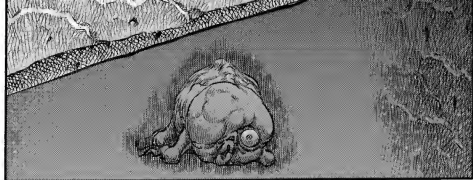




STOP!!











*FX: BATHUMP BATHUMP



HOLD
ON.

*FX: VMM VMM VMM



*FX: HNNN HNN

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO
HER...?!

NO!!

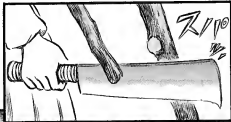
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REVELATIONS 3: END



*FX CHP CHP

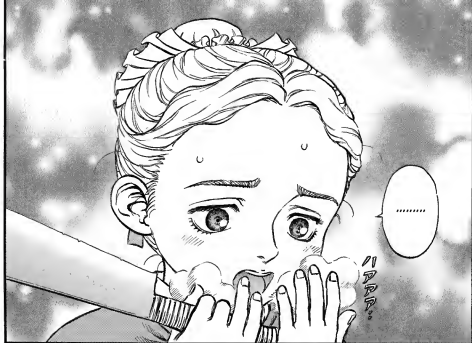
*FX KLAT

*FX: CHMP

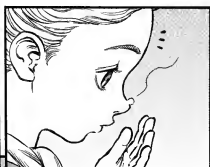


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生誕祭の章
刃(やいば)の亀裂

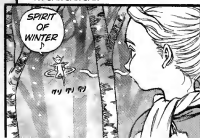
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CRACKS IN THE BLADE



*FX. HAH-H-H



*FX. SPIN SPIN SPIN





TRY TO
CATCH IT,
SEE HOW
WON-
DROUS ?

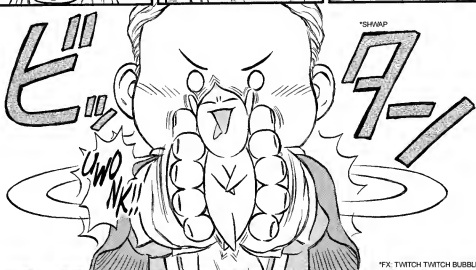


IT
DANCES
LIGHTLY
DOWN ?

HEY!



IT FALLS
DOWN LIKE
FLUFF ?



*SHARP

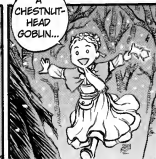


RICK-
ERRRRT
!!

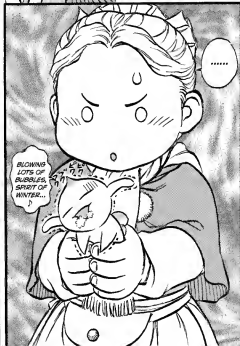
Y...
YES!
I
CAUGHT
SOME-
THING
NEAT!



*FLINCH



A
CHESTNUT-
HEAD
GOBLIN...



BLOWING
LOTS OF
BUBBLES,
SPIRIT OF
WINTER... ?

.....

*FX: TWITCH TWITCH BUBBLE

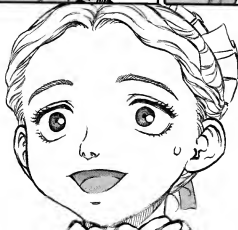


YO.

YOU GOT
A BIT
TALLER,
DIDN'T
YOU?



.....

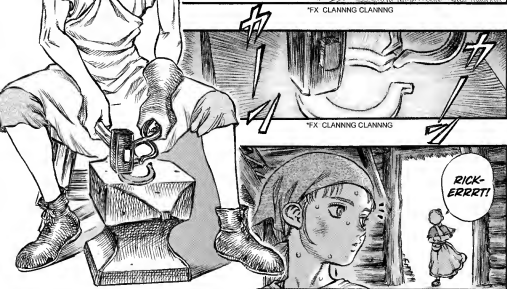




*FX CLANNING CLANNING



*FX CLANNING CLANNING



RICK-ERRRT!

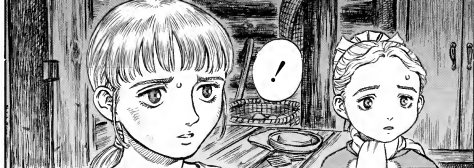


GOOD
WORK,
THANKS.

WELCOME
HOME,
ERICA.









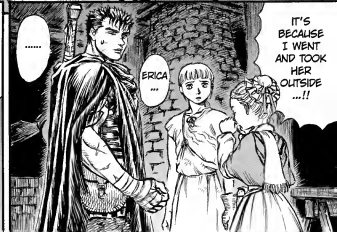
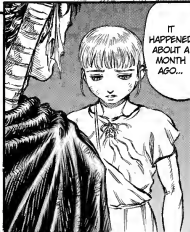
WHERE
THE
HELL...?!

WHY
NOT?!
SINCE
WHEN...?



IT'S MY
FAULT!!

I DID
HIT!!



ERICA COULDN'T
STAND SEEING
IT, SO SHE
TOOK HER
ALONG TO GO
PICK FRUIT...



CASCA HAD LIVED IN
THE CAVE FOR SO
LONG SHE WAS
PRETTY SICK OF IT...
LATELY SHE'D
GOTTEN WHERE
SHE WOULDN'T
EVEN EAT MUCH.

AND YET
HERE YOU
ARE...

YOU KNOW
FULL WELL
HOW CASCA
IS NOW!!

WHY AREN'T
YOU OUT
LOOKING
FOR HER?!

I LOOKED
FOR HER
UNTIL THE
SUN WENT
DOWN,
BUT I
COULDN'T
FIND
HER...

BEFORE
I KNEW
IT, SHE
WAS
GONE.

.....

BUT
RICKERT
...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

STUPID
STUPID
STUPID!!

STUPID
GUTS!!



S...





AND THEN
YOU WENT
OFF
SOMEWHERE
FOR TWO
YEARS!!

YOU WENT
AND LEFT
HER
HERE...!!



WHAT
ABOUT
WHAT YOU
DID?!

WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?!



YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
HOW RICKERT
FEELS!!

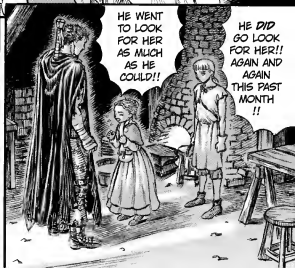


...
RICKERT
...

BUT...

...CAME
BACK
TO US.

"SQUEEZE
ME"
...



HE WENT
TO LOOK
FOR HER
AS MUCH
AS HE
COULD!!

HE DID
GO LOOK
FOR HER!!
AGAIN AND
AGAIN
THIS PAST
MONTH
!!



*FX: GREE



*FX: SNFF





GODO...



SO WHAT'S
SO WEIRD
ABOUT SEEIN'
A HALF-DEAD
OLD MAN OR
TWO?

WIFE THAT
STUPID
LOOK OFF
YOUR
FACE.

I HEAR
YOU CAN'T
THROW A
ROCK WITH-
OUT HITTIN'
A DEAD
BODY DOWN
THERE.



...THE
NOISY
IDIOT HAD
TO COME
BACK.

JUST WHEN
I THOUGHT
I'D HAVE
A QUIET,
PEACEFUL
DEATH...



SO.

LEMME
SEE THE
SWORD
AND HAND.

ENOUGH OF
THE LONG-
WINDED
SPEECH.

...
...



WELL, YOU
GET TO BE
HERE AT
MY DEATH.
I GUESS
GOD'S BEIN'
NICE TO
YOU.



PLAGUE
?

NOTHIN' SO
SPECIAL AS
ALL THAT.
IT'S JUST
OLD AGE,
OLD AGE...





HEH,
YOUR
FACE
LOOKS
EVEN
MORE...

...TENSE
NOW THAN
IT DID
BEFORE.



...YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
STAND UP,
HWH?

SO IF
YOU
DIDN'T
HATE
THAT
MUCH
...

.....



...I GUESS
I HAD
SOME CLUE
WHAT IT
COULD'VE
BEEN.

AFTER-
WARDS,
WHEN
THAT
MONSTER
CAME CALLIN'
...



...I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
IT WAS
THAT
HAP-
PENED TO
YOU
ALL.

...WHEN
RICKET
ROLLED
IN HERE
WITH THE
TWO OF
YOU
BUSTED
UP...

TWO
YEARS
AGO...



...BUT
WORSE,
YOU DO IT
FOR RE-
TALIATION,
FOR
REVENGE.

SO YOU'RE WAGIN'
WAR AGAINST
THINGS LIKE THAT.
I CAN'T EVEN SAY
FOR SURE IF
THAT'S THE RIGHT
THING TO DO.



FROM
WAR...

FROM
HATRED.

LISTEN...
WHY NOT
RUN
AWAY?



...WHAT?



THE MORE
YOU SHARPEN,
THE MORE IT
RUSTS, SO
YOU SHARPEN
IT AGAIN.

IN THE END
ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS A
PILE OF
RUST AND
SCRAPS.

EVEN MORE
THAN A BLOOD-
RUSTED SWORD,
VENGEANCE IS
SOMETHIN'
YOU SOAK AND
SHARPEN IN
BLOOD.

YOU SINK
THE BLADE
CALLED YOUR
HEART DEEP
INTO BLOOD IN
ORDER TO FIX
THE NICKS
CALLED
SORROW.



IT'S THE
RAMBLINGS
OF A DYING
OLD MAN.

JUST
LISTEN.



THE
THING
ABOUT
HATRED...

IT'S THE PLACE
WHERE PEOPLE
WHO CAN'T LOOK
SORROW IN THE
EYE WITHOUT
WAVERIN' RUN
OFF TO.



...RUNNIN'
ALL
THROUGH
IT.

DAMN
CRACKS
CALLED
FEAR...



YOU
TELLIN'
ME TO
BECOME A
BLACK-
SMITH
OR SOME-
THIN'?

AH,
C'MON.

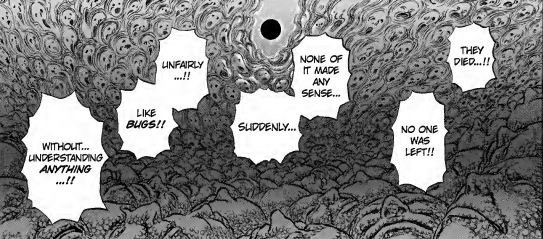
IT AIN'T
LIKE
YOU TO
LECTURE.



YOU'VE
GOT
SOME
HUGE
NICKS IN
YOUR
HEART...

I
WOULDN'T
BLAME
YOU
IF YOU
WANTED
TO.







YET YOU
COULDN'T BEAR
TO IMMERSE
YOURSELF
TOGETHER IN
SORROW WITH
THEM...

YOU WERE
RIGHT BESIDE
THOSE
IRREPLACEABLE
THINGS...



...YOU RAN
AWAY SO THAT
YOUR OWN
MALICE COULD
BURN INSIDE
YOU.

AM I
WRONG?

SO
INSTEAD...

DO YOU HAVE
ANY PLACE
TALKING
ABOUT
REVENGE
FOR YOUR
FRIENDS...

...WHEN
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
WENT OFF,
ABANDONING
THAT GIRL
HERE?

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
PLACE
CRITICIZING
RICKERT,
WHO YOU
LEFT HERE?

...AND
RELY ON
FIGHTING.

...YOU
GO AND
CHOOSE
YOURSELF...

.....
AT THE
CRITICAL
MOMENT...

ONE WITH
COUNTLESS NICKS,
SOAKED IN BLOOD
AND RUSTING.

YOU'RE LIKE A
DRAWN SWORD
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

A SWORD
THAT'S BEGIN
TO *BREAK*.

...WITH A
LETHAL
CRACK IN
IT.

BERSERK

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
A FEEBLE FLAME

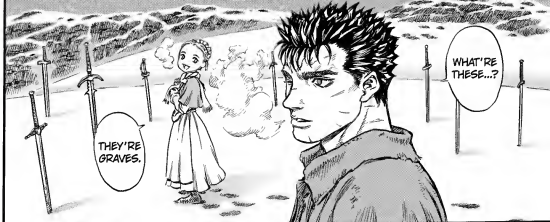
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HURRY!
THIS WAY!
THIS WAY!

SEE,
THERE.



THEY'RE
GRAVES.

WHAT'RE
THESE...?



WE DID
THIS ALL
THE TIME IN
THE FIELD,
DIDN'T
WE?



AND IT'S
NOT LIKE
EVERYBODY'S
UNDERNEATH
HERE, BUT
MAYBE IT'S
SOME
CONSOLA-
TION...

IT'S
NOWHERE
NEAR THE
RIGHT
NUMBER,
BUT I MADE
THEM AS
PRACTICE.



.....

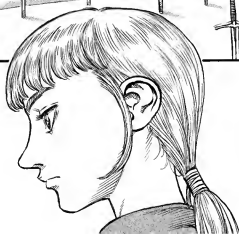


IN THE TIME
I'VE GONE
ON HATING,
RICKERT'S
DONE THIS...

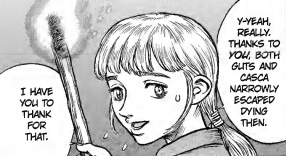
TWO YEARS!
PLENTY OF
TIME FOR A
PERSON TO
CHANGE.

...THROUGH
THAT
VIGOROUS
STRENGTH
OF HIS.

HE FOUND
A NEW WAY
TO LIVE...



FUNERALS TO
ACCEPT THE
DEATH OF HIS
COMRADES.



I HAVE
YOU TO
THANK
FOR
THAT.

Y-YEAH,
REALLY.
THANKS TO
YOU, BOTH
GLITS AND
CASCA
NARROWLY
ESCAPED
DYING THEN.



OR
SOMETHIN'
LIKE
THAT?

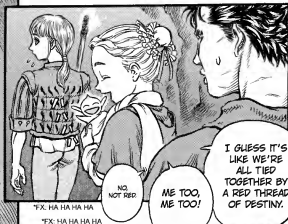
ALL LIES
WITHIN
THE
CAUSAL
CURRENT



WHAT A
SHOCKER
!

STILL
THOUGH,
I'M AMAZED
THAT THE
BOY FROM
BACK THEN
WOULD TURN
OUT TO BE
GLITS' FRIEND.

*FX: SNUG SNUG



*FX: HA HA HA HA

*FX: HA HA HA HA

NO
NOT RED

ME TOO,
ME TOO!

I GUESS IT'S
LIKE WE'RE
ALL TIED
TOGETHER BY
A RED THREAD
OF DESTINY.



THEN
LATER ON I'LL
STAKE MY
LIFE ON
TREATIN' YOU!

AH... NO...
DON'T
BOTHER...



BY THE WAY,
YOU BEEN
CURED'A YOUR
FEAR'A ELVES
YET?

AH...
NO...NOT
YET...



I KNOW
THAT
YOU'RE
ANXIOUS

...

BUT REST
WELL
TONIGHT.



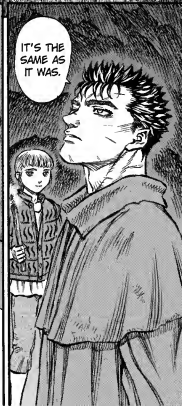
THEY
LOOK
PRETTY
ABUSED,
SO WE'LL
GET
THEM TO
WHERE
YOU CAN
HEAD OUT
SOON.

THERE'S
A LOT TO
TALK ABOUT,
BUT FOR
NOW
WE'LL
HURRY
AND
REPAIR
YOUR
SWORD
AND
HAND.

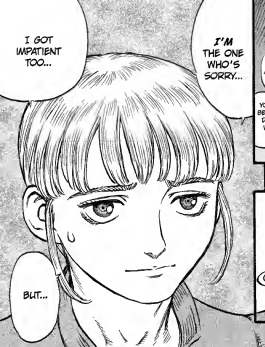


NO EVIL
SPIRIT'S
GONNA BE
ABLE TO
SNEAK IN
HERE EASILY!
YEAH!

THIS IS
DEFINITELY
SOMEWHERE
ELVES
LIVED!



IT'S THE
SAME AS
IT WAS.



NO,
CHANCES
ARE...



...I WON'T
BE ABLE TO
SLEEP AT
NIGHT THE
REST OF MY
LIFE...

...THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
SLEEP IN
THE DARK
WITHOUT
A SWORD.

IT'S
NO USE,
EVEN
THOUGH
I KNOW
I'M
SAFE...



POK
4/10
7/10





"...YOU RAN
AWAY SO
THAT YOUR
OWN MALICE
COULD BURN
WITHIN YOU."

"SO
INSTEAD
..."

"YOU WERE
RIGHT BESIDE
THOSE
IRREPLACE-
ABLE THINGS..."



"YET YOU
COULDN'T BEAR
TO IMMERSE
YOURSELF
TOGETHER
IN SORROW
WITH THEM."



"YOU
WENT
ALONE."









*I CAN'T
RUN...!!*

*I DIDN'T
RUN
AWAY...!!*

*...SEARED
INTO MY
RIGHT
EYE...!!*

*NOT FROM
THE LAST
THING...*

...FEAR
...MALICE.
I DON'T
KNOW...
POSSIBLY
IT'S BOTH...

BUT I CAN
NEVER ATONE
FOR THIS
DARK
FLAME!!!

...FEAR
...MALICE.
I DON'T
KNOW...
POSSIBLY
IT'S BOTH...

BUT I CAN
NEVER ATONE
FOR THIS
DARK
FLAME!!!

HAHH HAH

...AND MY ENEMIES WITH IT.

...ALL I CAN DO IS BURN MYSELF...

IF I CAN'T ATONE, IF I CAN'T ESCAPE...

HAHH HAH

...AND MY ENEMIES WITH IT.

...ALL I CAN DO IS BURN MYSELF...

IF I CAN'T ATONE, IF I CAN'T ESCAPE...

HAHH HAH

...AND MY ENEMIES WITH IT.

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HAHH HAH

...AND MY ENEMIES WITH IT.

...ALL I CAN DO IS BURN MYSELF...

IF I CAN'T ATONE, IF I CAN'T ESCAPE...



IT WILL
STILL
THIRST.

FOR-
EVER.

AL-
WAYS.
ALL
ALONE.

THE
BLOOD
MUST
FLOW.

SO KEEP
KILLING.



...IN A
STATE
LIKE
THAT?!



WHAT CAN
I SAY
NOW
WHEN I
LEFT
HER...

...MAYBE
WHAT GODO
SAID IS
RIGHT,
THOUGH.



ABANDONED
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK
ITSELF.

I'VE GOT
NO RIGHT
TALKING
ABOUT
REVENGE
FOR MY
COMRADES
WHEN I
ABANDONED
CASCA...





Y'MEAN
FORMER
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN.



HE WASN'T
HERE WHEN
THINGS WERE
AT THEIR
WORST FOR
US. THINK I CAN
CALL SOMEONE
LIKE THAT A
COMRADE?

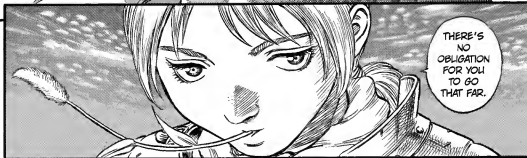
I DON'T
KNOW IF
IT WAS
FOR SOME
DREAM
OR WHAT,
BUT HE
LEFT
ON HIS
OWN.



I
WON'T
RECOGNIZE
IT.



YOU'VE
ALREADY
SEPARATED
YOURSELF.



THERE'S
NO
OBLIGATION
FOR YOU
TO GO
THAT FAR.



SHE...

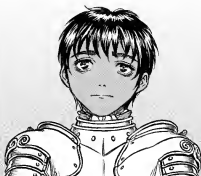
...IF
YOU DON'T
...

EVEN IF
YOU HAVE
TO DRAG
HER THIS
TIME.

TAKE
HER
WITH
YOU.

...YOUR
OWN
BATTLES,
RIGHT?

YOU
FIGHT...



YOU
HAVE
TO GO.

EVEN
IF IT'S
ALONE...

YOU
HAVE
TO GO.



...I
HAVEN'T
HAD THAT
RIGHT.

EVER
SINCE
THEN...

LONG
AGO...





WHAT'S
BURNING ME
AIN'T JUST
THIS BLACK
FLAME.



BUT
STILL...





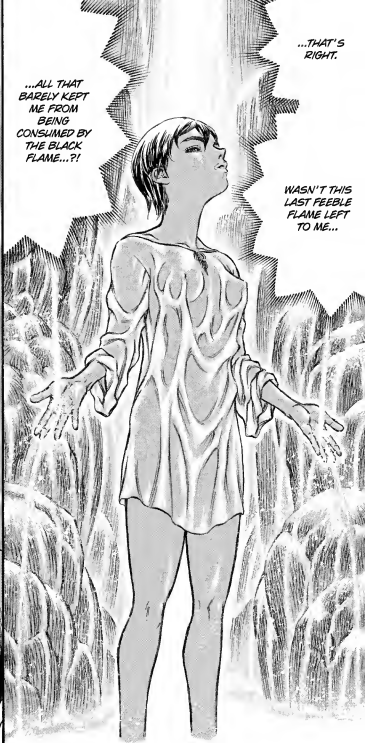
THE
CAMPFIRE
FROM
THOSE
DAYS...

...STILL
BURNS
IN MY
CHEST.

...THAT'S
RIGHT.

...ALL THAT
BARELY KEPT
ME FROM
BEING
CONSUMED BY
THE BLACK
FLAME...?!

WASN'T THIS
LAST FEEBLE
FLAME LEFT
TO ME...





DID I GO
AND DO IT
AGAIN...?

DID I--

AGAIN.



...
WHAT'VE
I DONE?

.....



...
AGAIN
!!

WITHOUT EVEN
REALIZING I'D
THROWN IT
FROM THE
PALM OF MY
HAND...!!

...WITHOUT
EVEN
KNOWING!!



...BEFORE
I EVEN
NOTICED IT
AGAIN?!

YOU
MEAN...

DID
I LOSE
SOME-
THING...



*I'LL
NEVER...*

*...LOSE
HER
AGAIN.*



BERSERK



*FX: HNNNN

*FX: GNAW GNAW GNAW

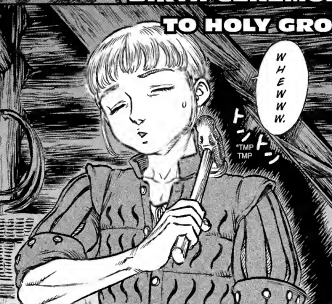


*FX: CLANING CLANING



CONVICTION ARC BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER

TO HOLY GROUND, PART 1



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H
E
W
W.

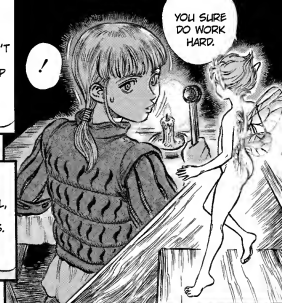
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*TMP
TMP



断罪篇
生誕祭の章

聖地へ
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*FX SSMP

*FX STALK



*FX STALK STALK STALK



IT'S THANKS
TO YOU THAT
SHE HAD
SO MUCH
FUN TODAY.

SINCE
MASTER GODO
FELL ILL...
AND THEN
SINCE CASCA
WENT MISSING,
ERICA HASN'T
LAUGHED ONCE.

WHEN GUTS
RUSHED OUT
OF HERE,
I HAD THIS
OMINOUSLY
BAD FEELING.

NOT AT
ALL.

WELL,
KIDS ARE
'SPECIALLY
GOOD AT
ENJOYIN'
THEM-
SELVES.

*FX NYAHHA

N
A
H
H
H
H.

OF COURSE,
I WAS
WORRIED ABOUT
WHETHER HE
WOULD SURVIVE
AND I'D GET
TO SEE HIM
AGAIN...

THEN
THERE'S
GUTS.

EH?

...WORRIED
ABOUT
WHETHER
HE'D NO
LONGER BE
THE GUTS
I KNEW...

BUT...

I
ALSO...

BUT HE LOOKED FURIOUS AND GOT WORRIED ABOUT CASCA.

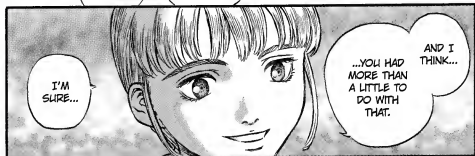


HE CAME BACK, THOUGH-- AND OF COURSE SOME SMALL THINGS HAD CHANGED...



THE WAY I USED TO KNOW HIM...

SO GLITS IS STILL GLITS.



I'M SURE...

...YOU HAD MORE THAN A LITTLE TO DO WITH THAT.

AND I THINK...



YOU SAID IT WITH SUCH A STRAIGHT FACE!



AWW, NOW I'M ALL EMBARRASSED!



THE REASON GLITS CAN STILL LAUGH...

...IS BECAUSE YOU'RE TOGETHER WITH HIM.



EVERY DAMN TIME HE SHOWS UP, HE DRAGS SOME OTHER WEIRD THING IN WITH HIM.



ALRIGHT! I'LL POWER UP AND HELP, TOO!

DRILL?

*FX. SHWEEEE



THE BLACKSMITH'S ELF, NOT THE SHOEMAKER'S, EH?

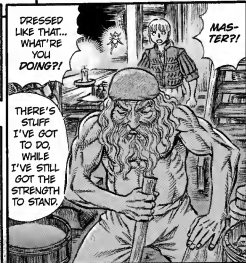


S-STOP, THAT'S ABSURD!! LET ME DO--

SHAD-DUP!!



RIC-KERT.



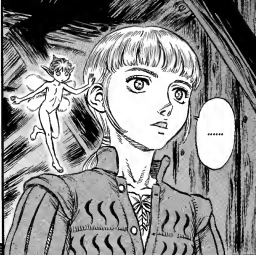
DRESSED LIKE THAT... WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

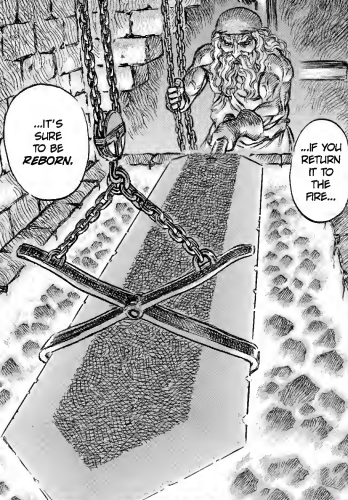
MAS-TER?!

THERE'S STUFF I'VE GOT TO DO, WHILE I'VE STILL GOT THE STRENGTH TO STAND.



ERICA'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.





...IT'S
SURE
TO BE
REBORN.

...IF YOU
RETURN
IT TO
THE FIRE...

...EVEN
IF IT
RUSTS
AND
DULLS...

A GOOD
SWORD
...

*FX. CLATA CLATA CLATA

*FX. PUFF PUFF



...HAS
GOOD STEEL
THAT NEVER
RUSTS
LEFT OVER
IN THE
WICK.

THAT
STEEL'S
THE
ULTIMATE
STEEL.

EVEN
IF IT
CRACKS...

*FX. BWOOSH



TELL
THIS TO
THAT
FOOL.



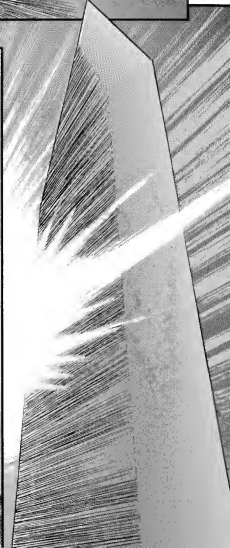
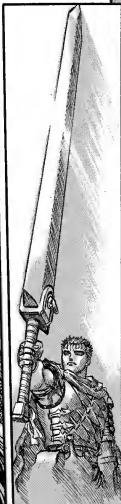
"DON'T
TURN OUT
LIKE ME."



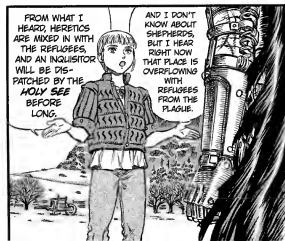
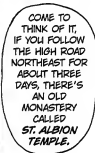
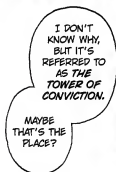
*FX KONING



*FX FLAP









...IT'S
GOING
TO BE A
WITCH
TRIAL.

PUT
SHORT
...



THERE
IS A
BASIS.

?

IN HER
STATE I
DON'T THINK
SHE CAN
MAKE IT THAT
FAR AWAY...
AND FIRST
OF ALL
THERE'S
NO BASIS...



I
THINK THE
CHANCES
OF CASCA
BEING
THERE ARE
SLIM.



...BUT FOR
NOW I
HAVE TO
BELIEVE IT.

THERE'S
A BASIS.

...IT'S
GRASPING
AT
STRAWS...



WHAT KINDA
WOMAN'S
THIS CASCA?

FOR HIM
TO MAKE
THIS
FACE...



BUT A
LOT'S
HAP-
PENED...

S'BE-
YOND
ME...





*FX: WSHH



THAT'S HOW
IT IS WITH
THAT FOOL.



0002

OFF HE GOES
WITHOUT EVEN
A LOOK BACK.

HEH!

WELL,
IT'S A LOT
BETTER
THAN
GETTIN' ALL
GLOOMY.



BUT YOU
HAVEN'T EVEN
GOT TIME TO
STOP AND
ACKNOWLEDGE
IT.

THIS
MIGHT
BE OUR
FINAL
PARTING.

IT REALLY
IS BEYOND
OUR
CONTROL....

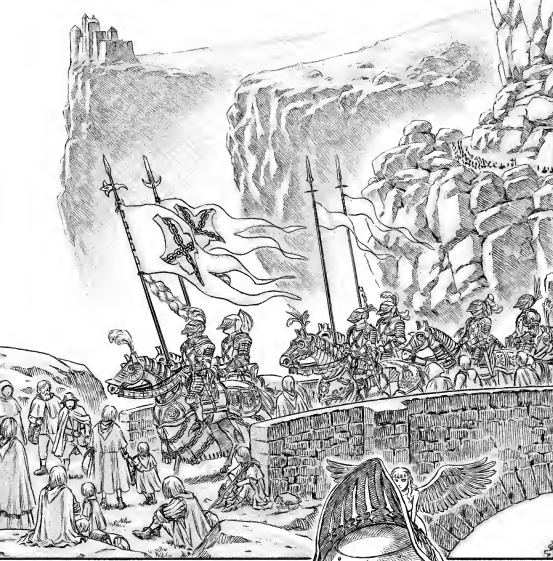


HE TURNS AND STARTS
RUNNING TOWARDS
SOMETHING ONE WAY,
WITHOUT NOTICING
SOME OTHER THING,
AND NICKS HIMSELF.

LIVING AND
DYING.



BEYOND
OUR
CONTROL.





IT SEEMS
IT'S NOT JUST
PLAGUE AND
FAMINE THAT
PRODUCED
THIS HUGE
NUMBER OF
REFUGEES.



THIS FEELS
LIKE THE
MIGRATION
OF NATIONS.



AT PRESENT, IT'S
UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE
PROMINENT NOBLES IN
THE ROYAL CITY, WINDHAM,
OR EVEN THE NEXT
QUEEN, PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE, SEEMINGLY
DEBILITATED BY GRIEF
OVER THE KING'S DEATH,
ARE ALIVE OR DEAD.

ACCORDING TO
INFORMATION DELIVERED
BY THE HOLY SEE A BIT
AGO, SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR
A LARGE KUSHAN
MILITARY HOST FROM THE
FAR EAST CROSSED THE
MOUNTAIN RANGE AND
INVADED MIDLAND.



IS THIS THE
TIME FOR
SUCH A
CAREFREE
INQUISITION?

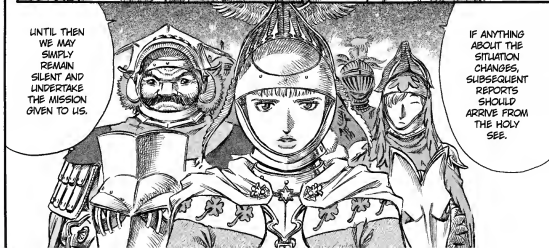
ARE NOT
THE KUSHAN
AN OLD
ENEMY OF
OUR
RELIGION?

BUT...IF THAT IS
THE CASE, WOULD
NOT IT MEAN
BIG TROUBLE?
THE ALBION
MONASTERY WE
ARE HEADED
TOWARDS IS
UNDER DIRECT
CONTROL OF THE
HOLY SEE, BUT
NEVERTHELESS
IT IS NEAR THE
MIDLAND BORDER.

"CAREFREE"
COMING FROM
YOU?

IMPLI-
DENCE!

THAT
GOES TO
SHOW...
MISERY
LOVES
COMPANY.



UNTIL THEN
WE MAY
SIMPLY
REMAIN
SILENT AND
UNDERTAKE
THE MISSION
GIVEN TO US.

IF ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
SITUATION
CHANGES,
SUBSEQUENT
REPORTS
SHOULD
ARRIVE FROM
THE HOLY
SEE.



JUST
WHAT ON
EARTH
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?

DO YOU
SUPPOSE IT IS
BECAUSE SHE
WAS RELIEVED
OF THE DUTY
OF ARRESTING
THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN?

LADY
FARNESE
IS IN A
WORSE
MOOD
THAN
USUAL.



AND NOT
JUST ONE
OR TWO
LOSSES.

WHAT'S MORE,
YOU SUFFERED
CASUALTIES
ATTEMPTING TO
CAPTURE BUT
ONE MAN.

...YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO HAVE
CAPTURED THE
BLACK SWORDSMAN,
YET YOU LET HIM
SLIP AWAY.

AFTER
SPENDING
TWO
WHOLE
YEARS
...



THEY ARE A
SYMBOL OF THE
AUTHORITY, SO
TO SPEAK...OF
THE HOLY SEE,
GOD'S EARTHLY
MOUTHPIECE.

THE HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS ARE
DIFFERENT
FROM
ORDINARY
HEATHEN
FORCES.

YOU
DON'T
SEEM TO
UNDER-
STAND.

SOMETIMES
THERE CAN
BE LOSSES
IN BATTLE...

MY HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS
ARE IN A
FASHION
YET AN
ARMY!

YES,
BUT--



WE MEAN
ITS EXISTENCE
IS HIGHLY
CEREMONIAL.

WHAT
INSOL-
ENCE!

MIND
YOUR
TONGUE!

THEN YOU
MEAN WE
ARE JUST AN
ORNAMEN-
TATION...

NO...



BASED ON YOUR
FATHER'S GOOD
WORD, WE WERE
SOMEHOW ABLE
TO SETTLE THE
MATTER AMICABLY...

BUT THERE WERE
NO SMALL NUMBER
WHO STATED THAT
THEY WERE
THROUGH GIVING
DONATIONS TO THE
HOLY SEE.

FORTUNATELY,
YOU YOURSELF
ARE OF
THE WORLD-
REKNOWNED
VANDIMON FAMILY,
WHICH BOASTS
OF GREAT
FORTUNES.

NEARLY ALL
SONS OF
HIGH NOBLES
FROM
SEVERAL
COUNTRIES!

I WONDER IF
YOU REALIZE
WHAT TYPE OF
MARTYRS THEY
WERE WHO DIED
ON YOUR LAST
MISSION.

...PERHAPS
THERE IS SOME
MARGIN FOR
CONSIDERATION.



...AND
FINERY IS
ALL WELL
AND
GOOD...

WHILE IT IS
ESTABLISHED
THAT THE LEADER
OF THE HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS IS
TRADITIONALLY
A MAIDEN...

HAVING READ
THE WRITTEN
REPORT
REGARDING
THAT MATTER,
THE MIRACLE
RECOGNITION
DEPARTMENT HAS
NEED FOR YOU
TO INVESTIGATE
SOMETHING

IT ISN'T AS
IF THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN HAS
BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY
CONFIRMED TO BE
THE SAME THING
AS THE HAWK
OF DARKNESS
DESCRIBED IN THE
REVELATIONS.

...WE'VE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO
SUSPEND
IT.

IN ANY CASE,
THE PROPOSAL
OF THE TASK
OF ARRESTING
THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN
WAS YOURS
PERSONALLY.
WITH
CONSEQUENCES
OF THIS
NATURE...



YOU ARE
DISMISSED.

WE WILL
DECLARE A
NEW MISSION
TO YOU AT A
LATER TIME.

MIRACLE
BECOMING
REALITY IS WHAT
FIRST BESTOWS
POWER.

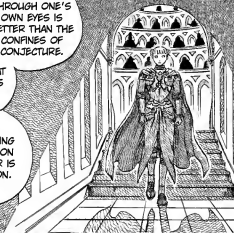
REALITY SEEN
THROUGH ONE'S
OWN EYES IS
BETTER THAN THE
CONFINES OF
CONJECTURE.

AND CONTROLLING
THE RECOGNITION
OF THAT POWER IS
OUR OBLIGATION.

TRULY. WE
MUST HURRY
TO ESTABLISH
A DISCOURSE
REGARDING THIS
"HAWK OF LIGHT"
DREAM, OF WHICH
WE HAVE RECENTLY
RECEIVED REPORTS
FROM EACH LAND
OF OUR
RELIGION.

AT ANY
RATE, THIS
IS NO TIME
FOR THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN.

MANY EVEN
WITHIN THE
HOLY SEE ITSELF
HAVE REPORTED
EXPERIENCING
IT.





MIRACLES...



I'VE SEEN
NO SUCH
THING...

MIRACLES,
THE HAWK
OF LIGHT...



D-DON'T
THINK OF
IT!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT WAS
REALITY...!!



IT'S N-
NOTHING!

IS SOME-
THING
WRONG?

RIGHT NOW
JUST FOCUS
ON THE
DUTY OF
GUARDING
THE
INQUISITOR!

DON'T
THINK OF IT!
IT'S AN
ILLUSION,
IT DIDN'T
EXIST!

...COULDN'T
HAVE...

I...

JUST SO
LONG AS I
CARRY OUT
MY FAITH!
THAT
PROMISES
PEACE
IN MY
HEART...

EVEN
IF GOD
DOES NOT
EXPRESS
ANY
MIRACLES
THROUGH
ME...

...FROM
GOD!

YOU'RE
TOO
FAR...

I...

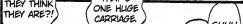
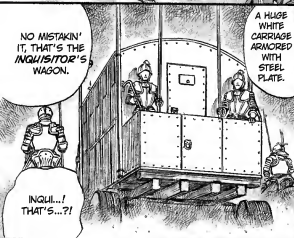
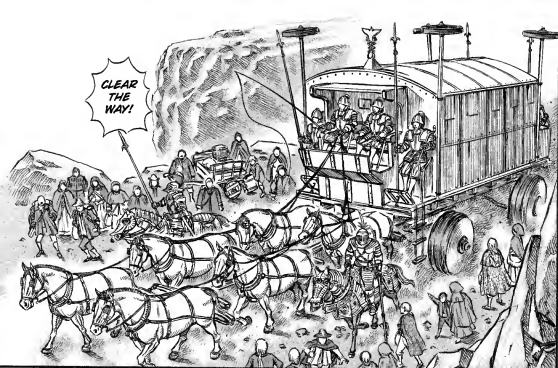
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...

WHO
WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE TO
GUARD HIM?
IT WOULD BE
DISPIRITING
EVEN WERE
IT NOT LADY
FARNESE.

...BUT
STILL,
A NEW
MISSION.

LOOKS
LIKE IT IS
NOT JUST
RELEASE
FROM THAT
DUTY.

.....



THAT'S ONE HUGE CARRIAGE.



THAT ...!!



IT AIN'T JUST ANY INQUISITOR EITHER.

THAT'S THE TOKEN OF "BLOODY SCRIPTURE MOZGUS."



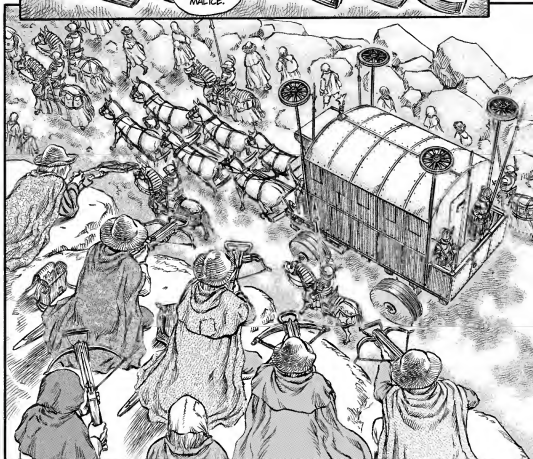
WHAT'S MORE,
THEY SAY THAT ONCE
YOU'RE IN HIS GRASP,
A SINGLE MOLE CAN
MAKE YOU A WITCH
OR HERETIC.

HE'S THE
MOST FAMOUS
AND FEARED
INQUISITOR
THE WORLD
OVER.

THOSE
NUMBERS
ARE JUST
LIKE WAR.

NO LESS THAN FIVE
HUNDRED PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN PUT TO
DEATH UNDER HIS
JUDGEMENT. AND
MANY TIMES THAT
NUMBER HAVE
LOST THEIR LIVES
DURING TORTURE.

THE WHEEL,
IMPALING,
STAKE BURNING,
WATER TORTURE
...





*FX: ZW5555



*FX: DANG KANG CHING





DIIE,
MOZGHS
!!

MY
DAUGH-
TER!!

MY
SON...!!



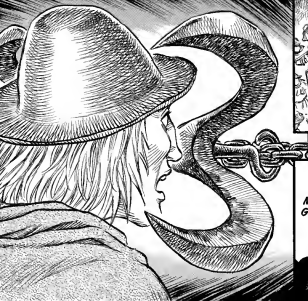
THIS IS
FOR MY
MURDERED
FAMILY!!
YOU'LL
PAY!!





*FX OHHHHHH

*FX THUD THUMP



*FX STAM

MOZ-
GUS!!

GET
OUT
HERE
!!



*FX: DUSHH



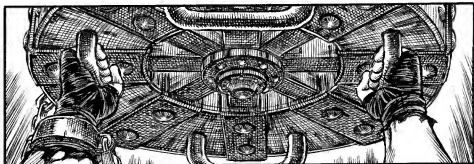
*FX: SHINK





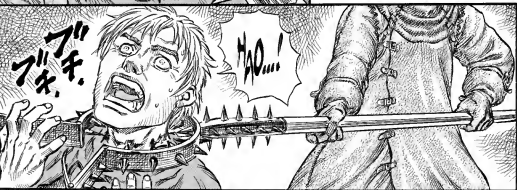
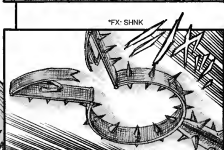


*FX. LOOM



*FX. WHOMP

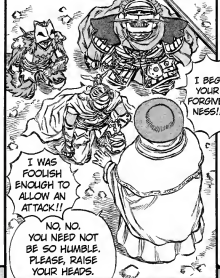








**THE LORD
DOTH
REVERE
SILENCE.**



I BEG
YOUR
FORGIVE-
NESS!!

I WAS
FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO
ALLOW AN
ATTACK!!

NO, NO.
YOU NEED NOT
BE SO HUMBLE.
PLEASE, RAISE
YOUR HEADS.



FATHER
MOZGUS!!
ARE YOU
UNINJURED?!

MISS
FARNESSE.



MORE IMPORTANTLY,
IT IS A BLESSING
THAT NONE FROM
THE HOLY SEE
BECAME CASUALTIES.
THAT IS GOD'S
DIVINE PROTECTION.

OUR HOLY
FATHER IS
MAGNANIMOUS
TOWARDS
HIS OWN.



...BUT FATHER
MOZGUS, WHO
ARE THESE?

AHH.



YOU ARE
MOST
GRACIOUS.

WE SHALL
ENDEAVOR
EARNESTLY
FROM
HERE ON.

...THEY ARE
VERY USEFUL
TO ME IN
THIS TIME
OF CRISIS.

WITH WILLS OF IRON
LONG CULTIVATED BY
STRICT DISCIPLINE
AND DUTY...

THESE ARE
MY DEVOTED
TORTURERS.



NOW,
LINE THE
PARTY OF
ATTACKERS
UP HERE.

*FX: SSSS SSSS

DAMNIT
!!

LEMME
GO!!



...SEEM THEY
MOST
RELIABLE.

DUBIOUS...

I LIKE
HIS
STYLE.



BUT I WAS
FOLLOWING
GOD'S
DOCTRINE, IN
THAT I PASSED
JUDGEMENT
FAIRLY.

IT IS
CERTAINLY A
MISFORTUNE
THAT SUCH
A THING
HAPPENED.



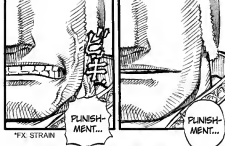
RE-
VENGE
!!

SO, I WOULD
HEAR THE
REASON YOU
ATTACKED
ME.

...YOU BURNED
ALL THE
REMAINING
VILLAGERS
TO DEATH!!
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN--
NO ONE
WAS LEFT!!!

YOU ACCUSED
OUR VILLAGE OF
BEING A REFUGE
FOR HERETICS,
AND WHILE THE
MEN WERE
WORKING AWAY
FROM HOME...





*FX STRAIN

PUNISHMENT...



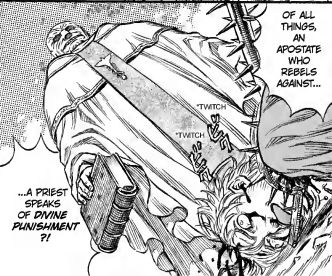
AND YOU
ARBITRARILY--
IT'S DIVINE
PUNISHMENT!!
GOD'S WRATH...
IS UPON YOU!!!

ヒ"キ、ヒ"キ



YOU DARE
SPEAK OF
PUNISHMENT?!





OF ALL THINGS,
AN
APOSTATE
WHO
REBELS
AGAINST...

*FX: SHLORP





NONE OF YOU
HAVE ANY PLACE
PRESUMING TO
BE GOD'S
MOUTHPIECE!!

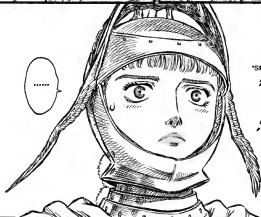


PEOPLE
SUCH AS
YOU ALL...



NO!!

NO ONE
ON EARTH
BESIDES WE
OF THE
HOLY SEE!!



.....

SILENCE



...DOST
THOU
FEEL IS
APPROPRIATE
FOR THESE?

WHAT
MANNER
OF
ACTION...



AYE!

A...

MISS
FAR-
NESE.



...USUALLY
WARRANT
BURNING, OR
BREAKING ON
THE WHEEL.

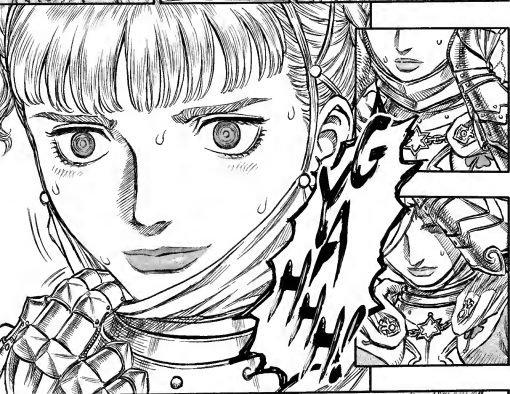


THOSE
WHO
WOULD
PLOT TO
MURDER A
PRIEST...

KLAK









*FX: THUD



*FX: WHUMP

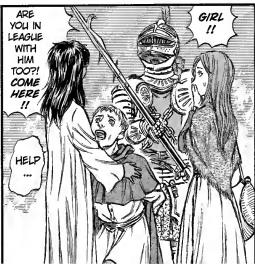


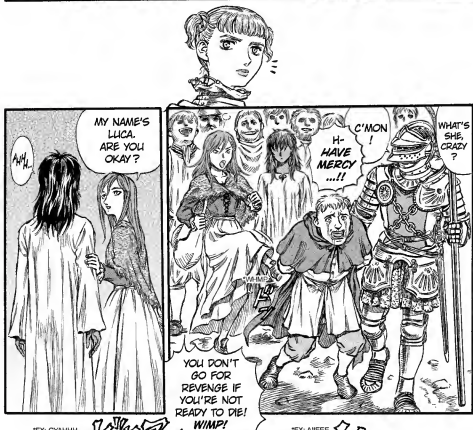
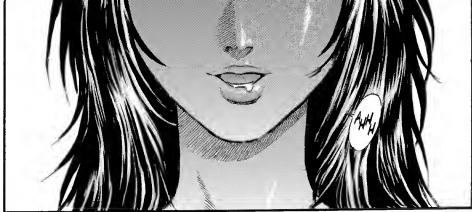


*FX: RUB RUB



*FX: PAT PAT





*FX: GYAH!!

*FX: AHEEE

WHEN I
THINK I'M
GOING TO
THE SAME
PLACE THEY
ARE, IT MAKES
ME WANT
TO HEAD BACK TO
MY OWN
PLAGUE-RIDDEN
VILLAGE.

STILL,
THIS IS SO
GRUESOME
IT'S MAKING
ME SICK!



COME
ON!
THIS
WAY.

STARING
AT IT WILL
JUST
MAKE
YOU ILL.

HOW
LONG'RE YOU
GONNA STAND
THERE?

COME
ON!

*CAWV

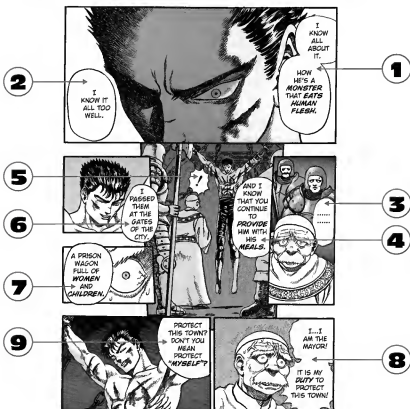
AHHHHH...



STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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三浦建太郎

Renegade devil-slayer Guts, the Black Swordsman, may be the bane of the demonic realm, but the citizenry of Midland, the kingdom he formerly served, aren't exactly members of his fan club, either. When the holler-than-thou Knights of the Holy Iron Chain capture Guts and decide to whip (literally) some repentance into him, Guts develops a few ideas of his own . . . like taking the Iron Chain's leader hostage and showing her that when Hell comes calling, the only thing worth praying for is a sword!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is an out-of-control manga flashfire, a searing epic of blazing action, blasphemous horror, and black humor that has left scorched earth and toasted readers in its fiery wake. Burn, baby, burn!

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